

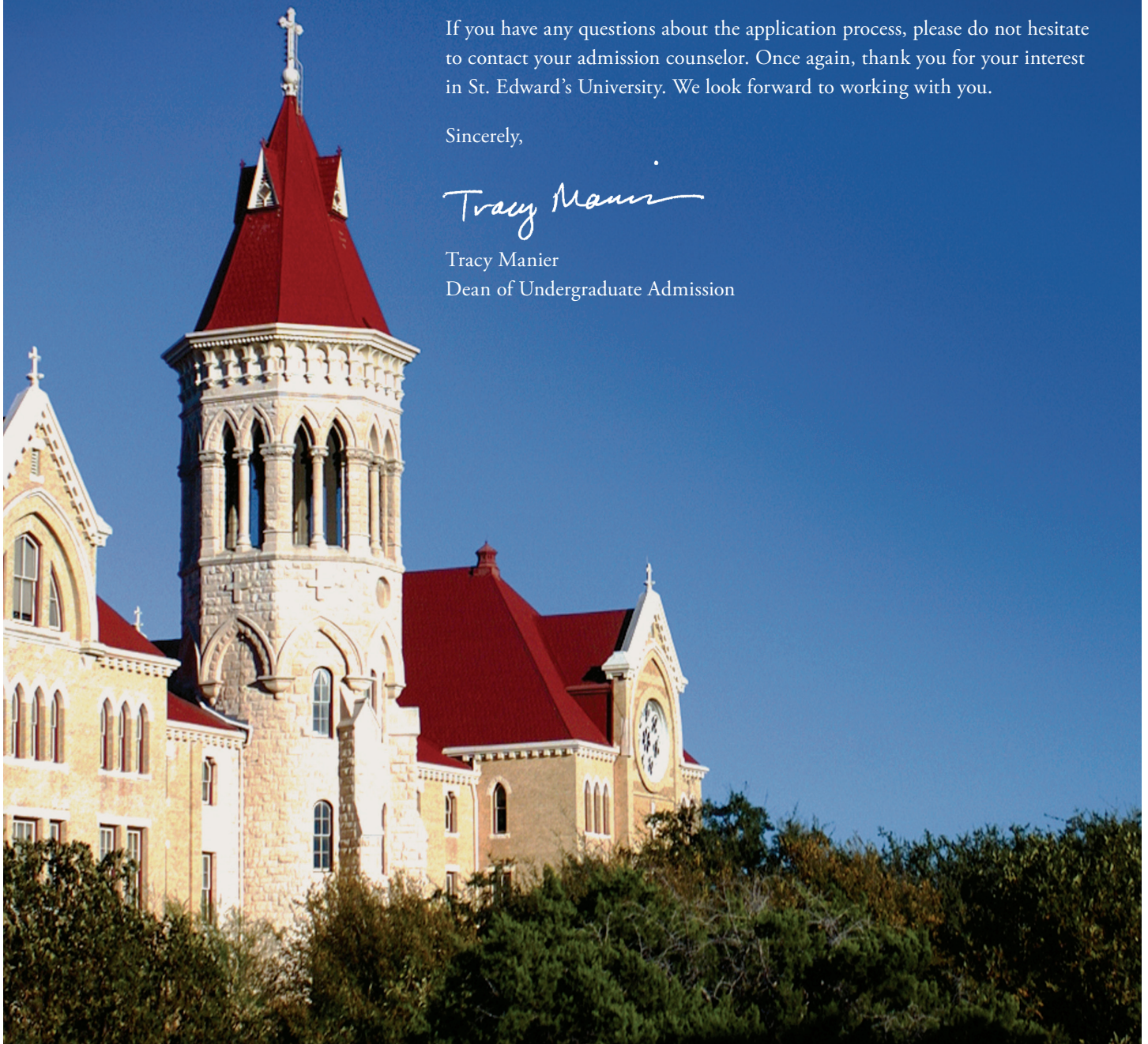


Thank you for considering St. Edward's University. We welcome your application for the Holy Cross Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship for the freshman year. Winners will continue to receive tuition in the amount of their freshman year for up to four years. St. Edward's was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross, from which it acquired distinguishing characteristics: the courage to take risks, an international perspective, and the commitment to provide educational opportunities for students of varied cultural, religious, educational and economic backgrounds. Holy Cross Scholarship recipients have proven themselves academically and embody the characteristics espoused by our mission.

If you have any questions about the application process, please do not hesitate to contact your admission counselor. Once again, thank you for your interest in St. Edward's University. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Tracy Manier
Dean of Undergraduate Admission





To be considered for the Holy Cross Scholarship, a completed application and all accompanying materials must be received by our office on or before Feb. 1. We recommend mailing the application at least one week prior to this deadline. At a minimum, you should rank in the top 10% of your class or possess a corresponding GPA at a school that does not rank, and you should score at or above 1250 on the combined critical reading and math SAT or 28 on the composite ACT. Please note that the selection process is highly competitive; therefore, we are unable to consider students who do not meet the minimum criteria stated above or whose application materials arrive after the Feb. 1 deadline. You are encouraged to call our office at any time to see if your materials have been received, but we will not make exceptions to the Feb. 1 deadline. Selection of a scholarship recipient is based on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership ability, commitment to community service, and the content of both the application for admission and the Holy Cross Scholarship application. If selected as a Holy Cross Scholar, you must maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain eligible for the scholarship.

Personal Information

1. Name: Last First Middle Preferred
2. Date of birth: Month Day Year 3. Male Female 4. Social Security number: - -
5. Mailing address: Number and Street City State Zip Code
6. Telephone at mailing address: () Area Code Number 7. Cell phone: () Area Code Number
8. E-mail: [grid of boxes]

ANNOTATED RESUME

Please send a resume as shown on the next page, detailing your high school activities, leadership positions, awards and community service experiences.

ESSAY

Please answer the following question using only one page.

Is there a gap in your formal education (something you'd like to know but haven't yet been taught)? What is it, and how will you make an effort to learn it in the future?

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please send two recommendations. Someone who has a strong knowledge of your academic accomplishments should send one recommendation. The second recommendation — which can also be from a teacher or counselor — should be from someone outside your family who can speak to your leadership, service and character. One of your recommendations can be the academic recommendation you submitted with your admission application, but the most effective recommendations are letters specifically addressing your candidacy for the Holy Cross Scholarship. Please indicate the names of the two recommenders whose letters you wish us to consider:

[Name] letter already submitted letter will be submitted
[Name] letter already submitted letter will be submitted

SIGNATURE

My signature below indicates that all of the information contained in my application is complete and factually correct. I understand that misrepresentation of my academic record, including omissions, or of any other information, regardless of intent, can result in dismissal from the university.

Signature: Date:

St. Edward's University does not discriminate in regard to race, color, creed, gender, age, disability or national origin in its admission, scholarship or financial assistance programs.

RÉSUMÉ FOR HOLY CROSS APPLICANTS

Please use the sample résumé below as a template for documenting your extracurricular involvement, service, awards and leadership positions. Be as specific as possible when describing a club or leadership position. The length of your descriptions of the activities and leadership positions will vary, but please follow this format exactly.

Create a separate page for each year of high school, making it clear which year the page describes. The example provided is a résumé page for the 11th-grade year. For each year, document all activities, as shown below. For your senior year, please list your current activities and those you will participate in later in the spring. Estimate the number of hours and weeks you will spend on each activity, based on past years. We want to know about commitments and leadership positions that may take effect after the Holy Cross Scholarship application deadline.

Please group together all service activities for each year. In the column on the right, indicate whether the activity was required for graduation or membership in any organization or whether the activity was self-initiated. **Calculate the total number of service hours completed in the current year**, and write it in the space indicated.

11th Grade

ACTIVITY AND DESCRIPTION	HOURS PER WEEK	WEEKS PER YEAR	DESCRIBE POSITIONS HELD OR HONORS WON.
Student Council Our student council plans Homecoming activities and Prom.	2	18	Recording secretary (elected) Outstanding member of the week
Varsity Track 1600-meter run, long jump, triple jump	10	16	Team member (no leadership position) Two first-place finishes at district meet
National Honor Society NHS does service activities and leads Teacher Appreciation Day.	1	15	Vice president (elected; responsible for scheduling service activities)
COMMUNITY SERVICE	HOURS PER WEEK	WEEKS PER YEAR	DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITY. DOES IT FULFILL A REQUIREMENT FOR A CLUB, CIVIC ACTIVITY OR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION?
Community Service: Clothing drive	6	1	The drive was an annual NHS activity and required for all NHS members.
Read to kids at library	2	20	Two years ago my mom suggested I read to children at our branch library after school. I have been volunteering there regularly. It is not a requirement for any group.
Habitat for Humanity	8	1	I chose to join the local Habitat build; these 8 hours counted toward the 20 service hours for high school graduation.
Total Community Service Hours for this Year:	54		

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Total community service hours you've completed in high school: _____

How many service hours, if any, does your high school require for graduation? _____

Describe any interests, hobbies, family or work obligations beyond the extracurricular activities you list above, and the time commitment per week to each:

APPLYING TO THE HONORS PROGRAM

You may want to apply for the Honors Program at the same time you apply for the Holy Cross Scholarship. Holy Cross Scholarship materials must be received in our office by Feb. 1. Honors Program materials must be received by March 1. The selection processes are separate, and you will be notified about the results at different times. The Honors Program is open to a limited number of freshmen each year — typically around 5% of the incoming class. Honors students take interdisciplinary classes that fulfill the requirements for the liberal arts core curriculum, and in their senior year they complete a faculty-directed research or creative project. If you would like to be considered for the program, please send the materials listed below. You can send them in the same envelope with your Holy Cross Scholarship materials. We will notify all candidates who apply for the Honors Program by March 1 about their selection status by mid-April.

Below is a checklist for the Honors Program and Holy Cross Scholarship applications. Holy Cross Scholarship materials are due in our office on or before Feb. 1. Honors Program materials must be received by March 1.

Admission application materials

- Application for freshman admission
- \$45 fee or waiver (if applying after Dec. 15)
- High school transcript
- SAT or ACT scores (with writing section)
- Admission essay
- Academic recommendation

Holy Cross Scholarship application materials (in addition to the above)

- Holy Cross Scholarship application form
- Résumé of high school activities (in the format listed)
- Essay (responding to the prompt in this application)
- Two recommendations. One of these can be the academic recommendation you submitted for admission, but the most effective recommendations are letters specifically addressing your candidacy for the Holy Cross Scholarship.

Honors Program application materials

- Honors Program application (available from the Office of Undergraduate Admission). Potential candidates are sent applications in their acceptance packets, but you may request an application if you have not applied for admission yet.
- A copy of a 3–5 page academic paper. This should be the paper you have written for school that you consider your best example of college-level writing. It should be a research paper or literary analysis rather than a personal essay or short story. Please do not send an in-class essay, a copy marked up by a teacher or anything you have written by hand.
- Two recommendations are required for Honors Program consideration. The recommendations you send for the Holy Cross Scholarship, or those you sent for admission purposes, can be used for your Honors Program application. You do not need to send additional copies.
- You will also need to complete a 15-minute Honors Program interview. The interview helps us get to know you and understand the contributions you would make to the program. If you plan to visit campus soon, please request an Honors Program interview as part of your visit. If you cannot travel to campus or have already visited, you may conduct the interview by phone. A list of potential interview questions is printed on the Honors Program application. You are responsible for scheduling your own interview, which must be completed by April 1. Please call 512-448-8500 to arrange a time.

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