

Mount Aloysius College Valedictorian/Salutatorian Award

Mother Frances Warde Foundress Fellowship

This competitive scholarship is awarded to high school seniors enrolling as First-Time, Full-Time Freshmen who have attained the honor of being the Class Valedictorian or Salutatorian of their respective graduating high school class. The scholarship is full tuition and is renewable each year based on maintaining a required 3.3 GPA and completing 30 credits or more each academic year. Students must be enrolled in a Bachelor Degree Program and be a residential student. **Students will complete an essay and a competitive interview on campus.**

Deadline for submitting credentials is February 1 of the senior year with final validation of valedictorian or salutatorian at the conclusion of the senior year.

Students who are offered the scholarship will be expected to be academic and community leaders throughout the life of the College and meet contractual obligations each year. The amount of the Frances Warde Fellowship will equal full tuition minus any Pell and/or PHEAA monies the student is eligible for if they are commuting from their permanent residence.

The Mother Frances Warde Foundress Scholarship is a program instituted to recognize outstanding academic success. Frances Warde (1810-1884) was one of the first Sisters of Mercy in the religious community founded by Catherine McAuley in Dublin, Ireland in 1831 for the service of the poor, sick and uneducated there. In 1843 at the request of the Bishop of Pittsburgh Frances and six young Sisters came to America arriving in December 1843 to serve the immigrant population in that growing city. In 1845 she accompanied four Sisters to Chicago and then returned to Pittsburgh to found Mercy Hospital in 1847. Next she sent four Sisters to Loretto, Pennsylvania who in 1853 opened St. Aloysius Academy the forerunner of Mount Aloysius College in nearby Cresson. Frances, a deeply spiritual, energetic and capable woman, continued to respond with Sisters to tend the needs of immigrants from Maine to California, being the moving force for founding nearly 100 convents, schools, hospitals, orphanages and social service centers for the needs of the cities and frontier of the U.S. Often this was accompanied by incredible hardships. During the Civil War her Sisters administered army hospitals and provided nursing service on the battlefield for both North and South. It is no small wonder that Frances Warde is considered to be the American Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

Requirements

Class Valedictorian / Salutatorian Status

1280 SAT or 26 ACT

3.5 QPA

Essay

Interview

Students invited to participate in the scholarship search upon acceptance



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