**Purpose**: This scholarship is designed to recognize individuals that have demonstrated a commitment to serving St. Charles Parish by making a positive impact on our community.

**Qualifying Educational Facilities:** This scholarship award is available to individuals who will attend a post-secondary accredited degreed or certified academic and/or technical program in Louisiana. An educational facility in another state is acceptable if a program desired by the applicant is not available in Louisiana.

**Eligibility:** Only high school or GED graduates within the calendar years of 2023-2024

are eligible. The student must be a resident of St. Charles Parish.

**The Award:** Four recipients will receive a onetime award of $1,000.00. In addition, two ROTC students will receive a onetime award of $1,000.00. The awards are intended to help defray the cost of educational expenses. At least one student from Destrehan High School and one student from Hahnville High School meeting the scholarship criteria will be selected to receive the scholarship.

**Selection Criteria:** Awards will be based on the applicant’s demonstrated commitment to community service and the extent to which the applicant has impacted his or her own community through leadership or service. The selection committee will also consider personal circumstances. Your submission will be judged on the content and quality of your responses to the application questions. This is not a need or academic achievement-based scholarship.

**Application Procedure:**  All individuals who meet the eligibility requirements can apply. Applications must be submitted by mail or presented in person at the United Way of St. Charles office. The application must be postmarked no later than March 29. Award recipients will be notified at their respective school led ceremony.

**Verification/References:** Include with your application at least three reference letters verifying your volunteerism and the impact your efforts have had on others. Two of the reference letters must be from the recipient of the services or the community organization for which you have provided services. At least one letter of reference should be from an educator (teacher, principal, or counselor) regarding your character. In addition, please include one copy of a utility bill verifying your home address.

**Letters of Acceptance:** Please include copies of any letters of admission or acceptance from qualifying educational facilities.

**Application Checklist:** This application becomes complete and valid only if you have included the following materials: Completed application, Utility bill, and (3) Letters of verification and reference. **Incomplete applications will not be processed.** You may either mail or drop off your completed application at the address below.

**Additional Information:** If you have questions, please address them to: Kacy Kernan, United Way of St. Charles, 13207 River Road, Luling, LA 70070 or e-mail kacyk@uwaysc.org.

**Applicant Information Sheet**

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| Applicant Name: |  |
| Street Address: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |
| Parent(s) or Guardian Name: |  |
| High School Attended: |  |
| Are you in ROTC? |  |

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| What school do you plan to attend? |  | | |
| Have you been accepted to this school? |  | | |
| What is your planned major? |  |  |  |

The LIVE UNITED scholarship is designed to recognize young adults

with a demonstrated a commitment to serving St. Charles Parish. Your submission will be judged on the quality and content of your writing.

Please submit your typed answers on a separate sheet of paper.

(1) Describe yourself in 100 words or less.

(2) Explain why community service is important and what motivated you to become actively involved in it.

(3) List and describe all the volunteer or community service activities you have been involved with in. Include the nature of your service, estimated number of people impacted and the approximate number of hours devoted to each activity. Please note if the activity was completed as a requirement for school.

(4) Which project, program, or activity with which you have been involved has had the most significant positive impact on you? Please explain.

(5) Do you have any personal or family circumstances you feel make you uniquely qualified to receive this scholarship? If so, please describe.

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate. I authorize the release of my name and/or likeness or that of my child to be used for United Way of St. Charles publicity purposes.

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Applicant’s Signature Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Please submit your Scholarship packet postmarked no later than

March 29, 2024 to:

Scholarship Selection Committee

United Way of St. Charles

13207 River Road

Luling, LA 70070