

# The Dr. Ann E. Jackson Catholic Scholars Program Application Form

## Program Description

This program provides students the opportunity to study and dialogue about Catholic theology while attending Eastern Illinois University.

### Requirements:

- ⇒ Attend a 12 week, non-credit course (which typically meets two times a week)
- ⇒ Spend 2-3 hours a week reading and preparing for class
- ⇒ Participate actively in class discussions by responding to and asking questions
- ⇒ Demonstrate an increasing familiarity with the material through assignments, quizzes, etc.
- ⇒ Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA within the program (although these courses are not for credit, grades are earned and awarded just as in other academic courses)
- ⇒ Maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA at EIU while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester
- ⇒ Be active in the community of faith at the Newman Center, (alongside of attendance at class and Sunday Eucharist)

### Benefits:

- ⇒ \$750.00/semester for the first year; \$1,000.00/semester after that
- ⇒ Free books and handouts
- ⇒ Opportunity to learn much more about your religious heritage
- ⇒ Opportunity to teach others about the Catholic tradition and to help them grow in faith and understanding, too

### Courses:

- ⇒ Creating a Frame: An Introduction to Theology
- ⇒ Stone by Living Stone: Understanding the Catholic Church
- ⇒ Authorship Divine and Human: The Holy Bible
- ⇒ *For God So Loved the World*: Jesus, the Christ
- ⇒ Lives Transformed by Grace: The Sacramental Life of the Church
- ⇒ *How Shall We Live?* The Moral Life of the Christian

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Campus Address & Phone:**

**Parent/Guardian Address & Phone:**

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**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about this program** (EIU website, school counselor, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following if you are returning/transferring to Eastern Illinois University:**

1. In what college/university have you been enrolled? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you been granted admission to EIU? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Will you attend EIU? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many college semester hours have you completed? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is your grade point average? \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ scale

**Please answer the following if you will be attending college for the first time:**

1. Have you been granted admission to EIU? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Will you attend EIU? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your grade point average? \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ scale

**Are you in financial need?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, please provide a summary of your financial need and include it with your completed application.)

**I certify that the information and statements provided by me are true. I have read the requirements of the Catholic Scholars Program and I agree to fulfill them. I understand that my continued participation in the program must be approved by the Selection and Review Committee.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please respond to each of the following on a separate sheet of paper. Include the questions in your responses.**

1. What is your chosen field of study and why?
2. In what ways are you involved in your parish and local community? If you are not involved in your parish community, please explain why you aren't.
3. What leadership roles have you assumed in the past three years and what did each role require of you?
4. What particular gifts and talents do you have?
5. In what ways could you grow?
6. Why is your Catholic identity important to you?
7. How do you live your faith?
8. Why are you applying to this program?

**Please include the following with your application:**

- Your high school or college/university transcript
- At least one letter of recommendation, preferably from a teacher who can speak to your academic abilities

**Guidelines for submitting application:**

- Put your last name on the top right corner of every page.
- Do not staple anything together.
- Mail/Fax to Edrienne Ezell, Newman Catholic Center, 500 Roosevelt Ave., Charleston, IL 61920. Fax: 217-348-8964. Phone: 217-348-0188.

**Return completed application by May 15, 2011.**

**The Selection Committee evaluates applicants using the following criteria:**

- Application Materials Completed and Returned
- Credit Hours Completed (Priority is given to students with fewer semester hours.)
- Strong GPA
- Demonstrated Financial Need
- Written Communication Skills
- Completeness of Responses to Questions
- Unique Experience/Interest that Emerged in Applicant's Responses