

# NOTRE DAME VISION

## *Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program Notre Dame Vision 2021*

### Who are Emerging Leaders?

Emerging Leaders are young men and women who are currently in high school (or will be in the Fall of 2021) who are open and willing to provide leadership to their peers in matters of faith formation.

- The Emerging Leaders Scholarship is for young men and women who will benefit from the leadership development and faith formation opportunities of Notre Dame Vision so as to become more effective, confident and faith-filled leaders in their own communities.
- Emerging Leaders are also those young men and women interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood and religious life so as to learn specific ways to enrich their vocational exploration.
- In addition, the Emerging Leaders Scholarship seeks to support those young men and women who may lack the financial means to attend Notre Dame Vision.

The hope is that these young men and women will continue to grow as faith-filled and committed leaders well after their high school years are complete to provide leadership in the Church, especially relative to forming teenagers and young adults in faith.

### What is the purpose of this scholarship?

This scholarship will enable at least 85 young men and women nominated by their parish, diocese or Catholic high school from across the country to participate in one of the two, one-week sessions of the Notre Dame Vision conference at the University of Notre Dame. The scholarships will cover up to \$300 of the \$475 registration fee for Notre Dame Vision.

The scholarship recipients will join with more than 300 other high school students during their week of attendance to explore God's Call, their own gifts, and their response to God's Call with their gifts. Additionally, the scholarship recipients will observe and learn from 60 collegiate "Mentors-in-Faith" as these Mentors lead small groups, offer witness talks, and serve in a variety of ways as leaders-in-faith themselves.

### What are the requirements for nomination?

1. **The nominee** will complete the **online Notre Dame Vision Emerging Leaders Scholarship Application**. The application will be available on the Vision website in January 2021.
2. **The nominee** will submit a **payment for the deposit of \$100**. If a scholarship is awarded, the deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.
3. **The nominee** (i.e., the student) will write a **two-part essay** of at least 200 words and no more than 600 words total to be submitted in the online application.
  - The **first part** of this essay will respond to the following prompt:  
Please describe why you want to attend Notre Dame Vision. What are you hoping to experience? How are you hoping to grow in faith and leadership? (To be completed by **all applicants**.)

Four components of nomination to be submitted via the online application:

- Application (from nominee)
- \$100 deposit (from nominee)
- Essay (from nominee)
- Letter (from nominator)

- The **second part** of the essay will respond to **ONE** of the following prompts:
  - a. Identify—from your perspective—some of the challenges that exist for you and/or other young people relative to **developing your faith life**. What obstacles confront you (or young people you know) in deepening your faith? What resources or support could you use more of for faith development? How have you contributed to the faith development of others?
  - b. Are you exploring a **vocation to the priesthood and/or religious life**? What has that journey looked like for you? What are the specific ways you have sought to enrich your vocational exploration? What kind of help or support do you need for this exploration?
  - c. What are the **financial hardships** that may prevent you from attending Notre Dame Vision? Please describe (for example: limited parish/school/diocesan funds; travel costs; particular family hardship). What other sources of financial assistance are you exploring?
- 3. A **nominator** will compose a brief nomination letter to be uploaded in the online application. The nominator should be an adult associated with the nominating high school, parish, or diocese. This letter should address the following questions:
  - What do you value in this young man or woman as a leader or prospective leader in faith formation ministry?
  - How do you see this young man or woman as a person of faith who is open to further growth in faith?
  - How will this young man or woman benefit from attending Notre Dame Vision?

The nomination letter should also include the name of the parish, school, or diocese along with the mailing address, phone and email address of the nominator to assist with the process of award notification.

The nominator should note that this scholarship is not necessarily intended for just the most obvious and accomplished student-leaders; the scholarship is partially intended to cultivate and inspire new leaders who have a diverse array of gifts, personalities, and abilities. Therefore, please feel free to think creatively about the types of students to nominate. A nominator is welcome to nominate as many students as he/she likes.

#### What is the due date?

The due date for the Emerging Leaders Scholarship nomination is **February 22, 2021**. All nomination materials *must be received online* no later than this date. Students will be notified of their scholarship status around the middle of March.

#### Questions?

- For questions regarding the Emerging Leaders scholarships, please contact Megan Shepherd at [mshephe2@nd.edu](mailto:mshephe2@nd.edu) or 574-631-8290.
- For all other Notre Dame Vision inquiries, please contact [ndvi@nd.edu](mailto:ndvi@nd.edu) or 574-631-7425.

**The link for the online Emerging Leader Scholarship Application will be on the Notre Dame Vision Website in January: [mcgrath.nd.edu/vision](http://mcgrath.nd.edu/vision)**