UNIVERSITY of ST. THOMAS HOUSTON

V.J. Guinan Presidential Full Tuition Scholarship Application Fall 2015

The V.J. Guinan Presidential Full Tuition Scholarship is awarded to a select number of students who excel academically and demonstrate themselves to be a good fit for the Catholic mission of the University of St. Thomas. Candidates are Catholic students who are serious about attending a Catholic university in order to strengthen their Catholic formation. The selection committee, through an interview process, will determine which applicants are likely to contribute to the UST community in keeping with the Basilian core values of goodness, discipline, and knowledge.

Ideal Candidates

1. Student must be Catholic
2. For serious consideration, SAT scores* should equal 1350 (30 ACT) or above.
3. Recommended 3.5 GPA or higher on 4.0 index in a college preparatory curriculum
   *** SAT scores are based on the critical reading and math scores only.**
   **** The selection committee reserves the right to consider candidate(s) who may fall slightly outside the above parameters.**

Application Materials

1. At least 2 letters of recommendation from academic sources and no more than 4 letters total.
2. Admission to UST on or before January 30, 2015
3. Completed V.J. Guinan Presidential Scholarship Application received by January 30, 2015
4. Submit a 500-word Essay (topics listed on application) received by **January 30, 2015**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guidance Counselor Name: _____

Counselor Phone Number: _____

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Pastor Name: _____

Pastor Phone Number: _____

SERVICE/ACTIVITIES

List activities, including community service, high school extracurricular activities, and religious activities. Please list these on a separate sheet.

ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Please attach a 500-word, typed essay on one of the following topics:

1. Discuss a modern challenge young Catholics face in today's society that impedes their ability to live a faithful Catholic life. Provide some recommendations to overcome this challenge.
2. Describe the impact you believe attending a Catholic university, rather than a secular university, will have on your life.
3. Catholic Church teaching on issues such as bioethics, family life and marriage, abortion, etc. is often counter-cultural. Discuss a topic in Catholic teaching that is controversial. How do you view this? As a Catholic what, if any, are your obligations in this debate?

RETURN: Received by January 30, 2015

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Finalists will be required to complete an on campus interview the weekend of **February 20-22, 2015**.