

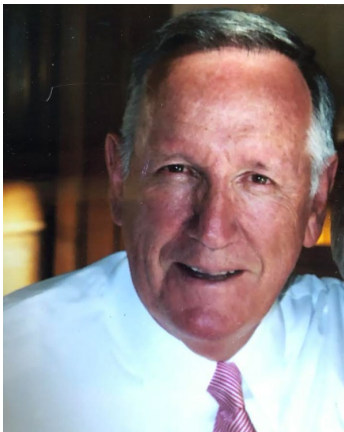
## Dr. James R. Louwers Memorial Scholarship

- ✓ Scholarship application is included in this packet.
- ✓ Please read all eligibility requirements carefully before applying.
- ✓ Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ✓ Application deadline is Sunday, March 31, 2024.



*M.J. Benvenuti  
Council 8419*

## *Dr. James R. Louwers Memorial Scholarship*



*The Dr. James R. Louwers Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of Dr. James “Jim,” Louwers, (1936~2021), who was a lifelong educator and advocate for learning. Jim always had a smile on his face and love in his heart for the Lord. Jim’s Catholic upbringing and devotion to Jesus Christ allowed him to live his entire life serving others and the Lord.*

*Dr. Louwers and his wife, Evelyn, lived in Wellington and attended St. Rita Parish from its inception in 1979 until they moved away in 2010. Dr. Louwers was an active member and Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, M. J. Benvenuti Council 8419. Jim and Evelyn Louwers were married for 59 years, raised 6 children, and have 7 grandchildren. Growing up, Jim was an altar boy, athlete, educator, and all-around amazing human being. Jim attended St. Matthew’s Elementary School and De La Salle Collegiate School in Detroit, Michigan, and St. Mary’s College in Winona, Minnesota, for Engineering. He then transferred to the University of Detroit in the School of Education and became a mathematics teacher and coach. He obtained a Master’s Degree from Wayne State University, his Specialist Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision, and finally, he obtained his doctorate in School Planning at the University of Tennessee.*

*The Dr. James R. Louwers Memorial Scholarship will be given annually to a graduating senior or currently-enrolled student in a post-high school program/university who is a registered member of St. Rita Catholic Parish, in Wellington, Florida.*

*In his last year, he wrote a poem that began: "I have finally been called to my resting place, so please no tears; I plan to see The Lord and Evelyn, the love of my life for 59 years."*

*It is the hope of the scholarship committee that the annual recipient of this award will seek to possess the values that the name Dr. James R. Louwers represents.*

# DR. JAMES R. LOUWERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## *ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:*

*To be considered for this scholarship, the High School applicant must meet the following criteria:*

- Applicant must be a registered parishioner at St. Rita Catholic Parish, Wellington, Florida.*
- Applicant must be a graduating senior who attends high school in Palm Beach County, Florida. (Post-high school applicants – see additional requirements on the next page).*
- Applicant must have membership in extra-curricular activities such as a Varsity Letter in a Sport, Student Government, National Honor Society, Band, etc.*
- Applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from a coach or sponsor of one of the extra-curricular activities listed.*
- Applicant must be accepted to a school or program of higher education.*
- 3.0 minimum grade point average by mid-year of senior year*
- Submit application with copy of high school transcripts.*
- Write an essay describing why you would be a deserving recipient of this award. The essay should be typed, double-spaced and a maximum of 500 words.*

## HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS ONLY:

- On applicant information page, part B, please list High School Guidance counselor and applicable information, as well as, date of high school awards ceremony.*
- On applicant information page, part C, list name of your high school only.*
- Application deadline is Sunday, March 31, 2024. The minimum award amount is \$500.00.*
- All applicants who submit a completed application will receive notification of scholarship recipient(s) via email by June 30, 2024. Announcement of scholarship recipient(s) will occur at a Sunday mass, (date and time to be announced), at St. Rita Catholic Church, Wellington, Florida.*

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*To be considered for this scholarship, the post high-school applicant must meet all of the same criteria as a high school applicant AND the following:*

- Applicant must be enrolled student in a post-high school program of higher education/university, (full-time preferred).*
- Applicant must have membership in extra-curricular activities at the university/post-high school level, such as intramural or college Sport, Student Government, volunteer, service projects, etc.*
- Applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from a coach or sponsor of one of the post-high school extra-curricular activities listed.*
- 3.0 minimum grade point average on post-high school transcripts and high school transcripts.*
- Submit application with a copy of high school transcripts and post-high school transcripts.*

### POST-HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS ONLY:

- On applicant information page, part B, list college advisor and applicable information instead of High School Guidance counselor.*
- On applicant information page, part C, list graduation year and name of high school AND list post-high school program/university name.*

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

*Complete\* application must be received by the application deadline. Application must be sent **via email** to: [LouwersScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:LouwersScholarship@gmail.com)*

*\*Complete application includes Scholarship Applicant Information, (page 4 of the application), Applicant's Essay, Transcripts, and Coach/Sponsor's Letter of Recommendation. Items may be sent separately, if necessary, however, it is highly suggested that all documents are sent in one email, as attachments, in PDF format.*

***INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.***

# DR. JAMES R. LOUWERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## Scholarship Applicant Information

### A. Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street City Zip Code

Number of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_ Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

### B. School Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*High School student – enter high school name.  
Post-high school student – enter High School and graduation year AND post-High School name.*

**\*\*\*\*Date of Senior Awards at your school: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(High School applicants only: This date MUST be supplied to the scholarship committee. Do not leave it blank).**

Applicant's Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Sponsor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Sponsor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Post~High School/College you plan to attend or are currently attending:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Scholarship winner must be able to provide documentation of acceptance).*

What is your major educational and/or career objective?

\_\_\_\_\_

### D. I hereby certify that I am a parishioner at St. Rita Catholic Church, that all statements are correct, and that all criteria of the scholarship application have been met.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_