



ELLEN AND RALPH MERZ 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID FORM

Ellen Reilly Merz, AHA class of 1916, an educator, raised as a ward of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in the Academy of the Holy Angels in Fort Lee, endowed a scholarship fund in 1984 to be used by graduates of the Academy. All graduates who are currently enrolled in a college or university or graduates who are planning to return to formal study in the next school year are eligible. The scholarship is intended for those pursuing a degree in education or field where education plays a significant (or important) role. This sum is available for your use in pursuing further education for the 2026-2027 academic year beginning the Fall 2026 semester and ending with the Summer 2027 session. The scholarship covers partial tuition in an undergraduate or graduate program. Room and board, special program fees, transportation and other expenses are not included. Consideration will only be given to those who can demonstrate the following: a clear statement of educational goals, financial need, service to the community and living out the AHA philosophy.

Award notifications will be mailed by May 15, 2026 and awardees will be asked to submit a copy of their tuition bill for the release of funds. Monies not used within that period will revert to the scholarship fund.

APPLICATION, SUPPORTING MATERIALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED/POSTMARKED BY MARCH 13, 2026 AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Outline your goals: (typed on separate sheet of paper) Please explain how your college study will guide your future in education or a field where education plays a significant (or important) role. Please also indicate what influence AHA and its philosophy has had in directing you toward this goal.
- On a separate sheet of paper, please describe in your own words your financial need
- Three (3) letters of reference (must be academic/professional in nature) **These must be sent by the referring individual either by email or by mail in an individual envelope.** Other copies will not be accepted.
- A copy of your resume including any service performed in your community and/or church, as well as relevant job experiences you might have had within the past five years.
- A copy of your 2025 Federal Income Tax Return (If you are a dependent, you must include your parents' 2025 return as well)
- Previous Merz Scholarship recipients are required to answer the following on separate sheet of paper: Please tell us how receiving the Merz Scholarship in the past has helped you toward achieving your goal(s).

PLEASE NOTE:

Completed application and supporting materials must either be mailed or emailed as a single pdf file. Overdue or incomplete applications received after 3/13/2026 will not be considered.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please print or type | All fields must be completed

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Maiden Name	_____ Year Graduated AHA
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip
_____ Home Phone	_____ Work/Cell Phone	_____ E-mail	
_____ Date of Birth			

PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED DEGREE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

_____ Academic Diploma/Degree	_____ Major	_____ College/University	_____ Year of Graduation
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APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS:

Career/Field Position: _____

Degree _____ from: _____ College/University

Date of Matriculation: _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Present Occupation (if applicable): _____

Employer: _____

Will you continue to work for this employer while going to school? _____

Income earned from work by you: \$ _____

Income earned from work by spouse (if applicable): \$ _____

If you have dependents other than a spouse, how many will be in each of the following age groups during 2022-2023?

Ages 0-5: _____ Ages 6-12: _____ Ages 13-18: _____ Ages 18+: _____

Other taxable income: \$ _____ Non-taxable income and benefits: \$ _____

Financial Assistance from Parents: \$ _____ Financial Assistance from College: \$ _____

Other Assistance: \$ _____ from _____

Projected cost of program for this year: \$ _____

Amount of Outstanding Student Loans: \$ _____

Other scholarships applied for: _____

The undersigned, by execution of the application, formally requests that she be considered for the Ellen and Ralph Merz Scholarship. To the best of her knowledge, the answers to the foregoing questions are true, complete and accurate. The applicant understands that the decisions of the committee shall be conclusive and irrevocable. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Applicant's Signature

Date

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED/POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

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