

ST. FRANCIS REGION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Brief History

The St. Francis Region scholarship program was established in 2010 to enable members of the Region to attend approved national workshops, seminars and other educational programs related to the Secular Franciscan Order or of benefit to the members of the Order. The Scholarship Fund is also used to fund such programs within the Region, whereby outside speakers/educators can be brought into the Region for the benefit of the members of the Order.

Intent and Purpose

The intent and purpose of the scholarship program is to assist the members of the Order in St. Francis Region to become better prepared to assert ownership of our Order. Although the friars of the First Order provided Spiritual Assistants to the members of our Order since its beginning, and are still available from time to time to give to us the benefit of their own intense and thorough Franciscan education, they are no longer able to provide Spiritual Assistants to each fraternity. It is anticipated; therefore, that all applicants will become available to share the training/education they have received with other members of the Region.

Availability

In order to make the program available to as many members of the Region as can reasonably benefit from them, some scholarships may be awarded on a matching funds basis, whereby the Region's scholarship fund will provide one-half the funding required for an applicant to attend the requested program. Applicants' fraternities are encouraged to provide the other half in such cases.

Who may Apply

The scholarship program is open to all members of St. Francis Region. Awarding of scholarships will be based on the past service of the member to the Order and the anticipated future service of that member to the Order. Scholarships for attendance at formation programs will be awarded first to present formation directors, or those who have shown their willingness and ability to serve as a formation director, such as by attendance at the Region's Spiritual Assistant/Formators course and local formation programs. Scholarships for attendance at Spiritual Assistants Conferences will be limited to those who are certified Spiritual Assistants or those in the training course to become certified Spiritual Assistants. If other specialized courses or conferences are available, appropriate limiting qualifications may be stated for those, and will be published along with information about the course or conference.

ST. FRANCIS REGION
Secular Franciscan Order
APPLICATION FOR REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Personal Information:

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/OtherPhone: _____

Describe the course/seminar/workshop for which you are asking for funding:

SFO Information:

Your fraternity: _____

Date and Place of profession: _____

If you have been a member of another fraternity, please state when, and the circumstances of your changing fraternities (transfer, etc): _____

Do you have a certificate of completion of the Region's Spiritual Assistant/Formation program? _____
If so. Please attach a copy.

Service to SFO:

What elected position have you held in your fraternity (or previous fraternity – state which) and dates of service:

In what other capacity have you served your fraternity? Positions and dates: _____

If you have served in any position at the Regional level, describe, with dates: _____

Fraternity Support:

Have you presented information about this program to the Council of your fraternity? _____

If you have not, please do so before you submit this application.

Do you have the support and approval of your Council? _____ Signature of your minister or

secretary is evidence of that support. _____
(Signature of Minister/Secretary)

Financial Information

What is the cost of the program for which you are seeking the scholarship? _____

What is the location? _____

If you have costs associated with traveling to the program location, what are those costs? _____

How will you be traveling? (Plane, car, etc.) _____

How much is your fraternity willing to contribute to the cost of the program? _____

How much of the travel cost are you willing or can you afford to pay? _____

How much of the tuition or program fees are you willing or can afford to pay? _____

Please attach the following to your applic:

1. One-page essay detailing:

- Why you want this scholarship
- In what way you will use the training/education you receive for the benefit of your fraternity and for the benefit of St. Francis Region?
- Why you should be chosen to receive a scholarship.
- Goals in your Franciscan life which the training/education you receive will help you achieve.
- Anything else you believe is relevant.

2. One or more letters of recommendation (no more than three) from persons knowledgeable about your Franciscan life and your suitability for additional training/education.

3. A copy of the program information.

If you are selected, the funds will be provided to you directly or in a check made payable to the sponsor of the program which you wish to attend, at the option of the scholarship committee. Please provide the information below as to that program:

Name of program: _____ E-mail: _____

Contact person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Scholarship recipients will be notified by the scholarship chairperson and all funds will be distributed by the Treasurer of St. Francis Region.

Award Limitations:

Applicants are not eligible to receive more than one scholarship per calendar year.

Disclaimer:

Neither St. Francis Region of the Secular Franciscan Order, the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, nor their members, agents or representatives (hereafter "SFO") are responsible for the quality of any training or education received with this scholarship. The undersigned, on behalf of herself/himself, his or her successors and assigns, hereby releases the SFO of any and all liability arising from or related to this scholarship and the training or educational program to which it applies and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the SFO harmless from any loss that may occur as a result of or relating to said program,

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have given is true and correct and that I meet the application requirements for this award. If I am declared the recipient of this scholarship, I agree to the terms of disbursement of funds for this award. I also understand that this application will be disqualified if incomplete or if postmarked after the deadline.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

<p><u>Send the entire application as scanned copy to:</u></p> <p>MargaritaQR@veruzon.net</p> <p>Note: Due to ease of processing, it is <u>preferable</u> for you to send your application to the Regional Scholarship Committee in this electronic manner.</p>	<p>OR</p>	<p><u>Send the completed application by mail to:</u></p> <p>Margarita Rodriguez OFS Regional Secretary 13419 Caffel Way Whittier, CA 90605-2839</p>
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For Scholarship Committee use:

Application packet received on: _____