

## Essay Scholarship Information

We are sponsoring an essay contest for Catholic women between the ages of 17 and 22 who reside in the Salina diocese; however, entrants may be attending school outside of the diocese.

First place winner receives a \$1,500 scholarship; second place receives \$1,000; and third place receives \$500. Arrangements will be made with the institution for payment for the fall, 2009 semester.

Entries on the following essay question need to be typed and approximately 1500-2000 words in length:

***The mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph is unity and reconciliation. They strive to unite all people with God and with one another. For 125 years, the Sisters have lived this mission through various works. How do I resonate with this mission? Where do I see a need for unity and reconciliation and how would I live out the mission?***

A three-person panel will judge the essays on content, clarity, vision and composition. Winners will be notified during National Vocation Awareness Week, January 11-7, 2009. Entries must be received by December 31, 2008.

For an application form, go to our website at [www.csjkansas.org](http://www.csjkansas.org) and select Scholarship Essay Contest for Salina diocese residents. You may print the application form from the website; or request an application by contacting: Sister Jean Rosemarynoski, PO Box 279, Concordia, KS 66901, phone 785.243.2149 or email [sisterjean@csjkansas.org](mailto:sisterjean@csjkansas.org).

We opened our first school in this area when the Leavenworth diocese encompassed the whole state of Kansas, before the Salina diocese existed. In 1884 we opened Nazareth Academy in Concordia. We quickly staffed schools in Abilene, Beloit, St. Joseph, Tipton, Herndon and many others. We are proud of our long-standing dedication to education and are pleased to be able to encourage young adults to pursue higher education through this scholarship opportunity.