



**Serbian Sisters Ravanica Detroit, Michigan**  
Scholarship Application  
Application Deadline, May 20, 2018

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Each year, the Serbian Sisters Ravanica will award a \$1,200 scholarship to a graduating high school senior to continue their education.

**Scholarship Purpose**

This scholarship fund recognizes those students who have actively participated in the spiritual and philanthropic life of the St. Lazarus Church School community. The primary criteria for student eligibility revolve around the student's involvement in the parish and spiritual community life of St. Lazarus "Ravanica". The scholarship fund exists to financially assist those qualified individuals seeking to attend an accredited college/university, business school or trade school on a full time basis.

**Scholarship Application Requirements**

1. Applicant must be a communicant of the St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Detroit, MI, including participation in worship and sacraments.
2. Applicant must be of good moral character.
3. Applicant must be a high school graduate or its equivalent.
4. Applicant must complete and return the attached application, providing all information requested, including a letter of acceptance to an accredited college/university, business school or trade school by **May 20, 2018.**
5. By submitting his or her application, applicant agrees that he or she will accept all decisions of the Serbian Sisters Scholarship Governing Committee as final.
6. Successful applicants will be asked to participate in the awards ceremony, which will be held during the annual Vidovdan celebration.

### **Selection Criteria**

Award selection will be based on the following criteria:

1. An application essay.
2. Two letters of recommendation by teachers, employers, or other non-related persons with knowledge of the applicant, submitted with the application.
3. A list of activities and/or service to the St. Lazarus Church School community.
4. Activities and service or employment at school and in the community at large.
5. Academic achievement (GPA, SAT/ACT, and transcript). *GPA is considered, but not a determining factor.*

### **Section 3 – Acknowledgement**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there is no reason that would prevent me from being eligible to receive the above named scholarship. The Serbian Sisters Ravanica and the Serbian Sisters Ravanica Scholarship Committee have my permission to share my church and academic information and documents for the purposes of verifying my eligibility for this scholarship. I understand that in order to receive this scholarship, I must continue to meet all scholarship guidelines. If selected to receive a scholarship I give permission for a publicity release to share pertinent information contained in my application.

I also understand that I am expected to attend a post-secondary institution (college/university, business school or trade school) after graduation.

**I have read and accept the above statement and understand that an incomplete application will not be considered.**

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Signature

Date

## **Award Procedures and Conditions**

1. The Sisters Ravanica Scholarship Governing Committee of St. Lazarus Cathedral will make selection of the award recipient(s).
2. If **all** required items for the application are not submitted, the application **will not** be considered.
3. The amount of each scholarship will be **up to** one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200), subject to adjustment by the Sisters Ravanica Scholarship Governing Committee as it may deem necessary and to the availability of funds.
4. The scholarship committee reserves the right to validate any and all information provided by the applicant.
5. Award(s) will be announced by mail to the successful applicant(s) and will be formalized at the annual Vidovdan celebration.
6. By accepting the award, the recipient agrees that, should studies not be completed for the year of the award, the recipient will reimburse the Scholarship Fund for the full amount of the award.
7. The Serbian Sisters Ravanica Scholarship Governing Committee reserves the right to amend or delete selection criteria as they see fit, including, but not limited to, the right to reject applications submitted after the application period, or suspend/terminate the program.
8. Please hand deliver your completed application to:  
**St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral "Ravanica"**  
**4574 East Outer Dr.**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48234**

**St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral  
Serbian Sisters Ravanica Scholarship Application  
(Please Print)**

Section 1 - Applicant Personal Data

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2 - Education (High School)

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3 - Education (Post High School)

Post-Secondary School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_



Activities and Service

List and describe church, community, school, or volunteer activities, including special awards and honors. Attach additional sheets as needed.

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Essay

**In 500 words or less, please explain why you believe you are a deserving candidate for the Serbian Sister's Ravanica Scholarship.**

Signatures

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Applicant's Signature

Date

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

**Please return this completed application and all requested information by May 20, 2018 to St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral "Ravanica" c/o Serbian Sisters Ravanica Scholarship Fund, 4574 East Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48234.**

**Application Checklist: Before Mailing, Be Sure You Have Enclosed the Following:**

- \* The Completed Application, Signed by Applicant and Parent/Guardian
- \* Two Letters of Recommendations
- \* Personal Essay
- \* Transcript
- \* Acceptance Letter to an Accredited College/University, Business School, or Trade School



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**Scholarship Committee Review**

- Please return the completed application to **St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral “Ravanica” c/o Serbian Sisters Ravanica Scholarship Fund, 4574 East Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48234**.
- Applications are due on or before **May 20, 2018**.
- The Scholarship Committee will review applications and recipients will be notified by email if they have been awarded a scholarship on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The name(s) of the scholarship recipients(s) will be published on the St. Lazarus “Ravanica” website, the Church Bulletin, Constant Contact, the Srbobran newspaper, and social media.
- Scholarship checks will be sent to the applicant’s college/university, business or trade school on or before September 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you for your efforts in completing these requirements. We hope you will continue to actively contribute to the St. Lazarus Church school community and stay active in the Orthodox Faith.*

**The Serbian Sisters Ravanica Scholarship Past Recipients**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>
2015	<b>Katija Bjedov</b>
2016	<b>Daniella Suvak</b>
2017	<b>Niko Nickson</b>