



Region 11 Athletic Ministry
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The 2022 Region 11 Meredith Merlini Catholic Youth Scholarship Program

The Region 11 CYO Board of Athletic Directors is pleased to continue our Scholarship Program for graduating 8th graders from its member parishes who are continuing their education next Fall at an Archdiocesan or private Catholic high school. The Scholarship is named in honor of Meredith Merlini, the long-time Region 11 coach, athletic director, commissioner, and Chair of our CYO Board.

In the program last year we received 44 essays for scholarship consideration. We asked the students to write about athletes from the world of sports who exemplify our CYO ideals of good sportsmanship. The essays were evaluated anonymously by a panel of nine long-serving former CYO administrators and six scholarships for \$1,000 each were awarded to:

Sabrina Alcorn – St. Luke the Evangelist parish, now attending Mount St. Joseph Academy
Mason Burlingame – Nativity of Our Lord parish, now attending Archbishop Wood High School
Kylie Hughes – St. Hilary of Poitiers parish, now attending Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls
Molly McGinley – St. Genevieve parish, now attending Mount St. Joseph Academy
Claire McNamee – Our Lady of Christians parish, now attending Archbishop Wood High School
Sean Tingley-Kelley – St. Hilary of Poitiers parish, now attending La Salle College High School

This year we will award five scholarships of \$1,000 each. The eligibility criteria have not changed. The graduating 8th grader must have been a CYO participant during grade school and must be continuing his or her education at an Archdiocesan or private Catholic high school.

Interested 8th graders are invited to submit a **ONE-PAGE** essay in **word .doc or .pdf format only** – no “Google Docs” – on the topic below by Monday, May 9, 2022 to be considered for one of the \$1,000 scholarships. **Because the essays will be evaluated anonymously, students should not identify their names or specific parishes in the essay itself. Include the following information ONLY in the email:**

NAME - PARISH - SCHOOL - CYO ACTIVITIES - HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING FALL OF 2022:
Please return to: 2022scholarship@region11cyo.org by **Monday, May 9, 2022**
(You will receive an email confirming receipt – if you don’t receive one, contact the Coordinator.)

2022 CYO Scholarship Question:

We usually only hear about examples of good sportsmanship by athletes, hopefully with values instilled by their parents. Coaches, however, also play a key role as mentors. Unfortunately, we usually only hear about the times coaches exhibit bad conduct. This year we want you to think about good athletic mentors: your topic is to write about two or three examples by past or present high school, college and/or professional coaches who made a positive impact by displaying good sportsmanship.