St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Alumni Legacy Scholarship

Description
Established by the St. Mary’s College of Maryland Alumni Association, the Alumni Legacy Scholarship is awarded annually to one incoming or current student related to an alumna/us of St. Mary’s College of Maryland. This $2,000 scholarship will be awarded based on a combination of financial need, academic merit, and co-curricular involvements. The scholarship is automatically renewed for up to three years so long as the recipient maintains the established academic standards outlined in the Conditions of the Scholarship and continues as a degree-seeking student at St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

Eligibility
• Applicants must be accepted for admission as degree-seeking candidates to St. Mary’s College of Maryland.
• Applicants must be related to an alumna/us of St. Mary’s College of Maryland (or its predecessor schools) in one of the following ways: a child, grandchild, sibling, nephew or niece, cousin, or step-relation.
• Applicants must demonstrate financial need by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the St. Mary’s College of Maryland Office of Financial Aid prior to submitting an application for the Alumni Scholarship.

Application
The application packet must include the following:
1. Completed application form
2. Two letters of reference with one being from a person affiliated with a school the applicant attended or is attending
3. One page (max 250 words) personal statement incorporating answers to the following:
   • Why did you choose St. Mary’s College of Maryland and what do you hope to achieve from your undergraduate experience?
   • What does it mean to you to be an alumni legacy student of the school?
   • What accomplishments and involvements in high school make you deserving of this award? Include information about your academic successes, volunteer or work experience, extracurricular and community activities, awards and/or other recognitions.

Submit all information by email to alumnioffice@smcm.edu, by fax to (240) 895-2112, or by mail to SMCM Alumni Office, 18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary’s City, Maryland 20686 by April 15.

Conditions of the Scholarship
• Applicants must allow the Scholarship and Recognition Committee to use information submitted to the Office of Admissions and the Office of Financial Aid to be used as additional selection criteria.
• Recipients must notify the Director of Alumni Relations by July 30 whether or not he/she will be accepting the scholarship.
• All scholarship recipients must maintain a course load of at least 12 hours per semester and a 3.00 semester GPA. If a recipient fails to meet these requirements, he/she will be placed on scholarship probation. If the recipient’s grades do not improve to at least 3.00 in each subsequent semester, funding will be withdrawn and the Alumni Legacy Scholarship will be forfeited.

**Award**
The scholarship will be credited to the recipient’s account at St. Mary’s College of Maryland in two equal installments ($1,000 per semester) at the beginning of each fall and spring semester.