



Stephen C. Matula **SCHOLARSHIP**



FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION announces
STEPHEN C. MATULA SCHOLARSHIP
for **10 college students** of Slovak heritage

Who can apply?

Applicants of Slovak heritage are eligible to apply as high school seniors, or during any year of **full-time enrollment** in an accredited College/University. Applicants can apply each year in college (up to 4 years).

Applicants must complete and sign an official Scholarship application obtained from a branch officer, the Home Office or www.fcsu.com and mail it to: Stephen C. Matula Scholarship, FCSU, 6611 Rockside Rd, #300, Independence, OH 44131. Applicants must provide a high-resolution headshot photo and also email it to scholarship@fcsu.com.

Winners will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee and checks will be payable to the winner's educational institution after submitting proof of college enrollment.

Winners must provide a report on their progress in college, including transcript and a summary of use of the funds by the end of the school year.

What to provide?

- Completed application
- Photo
- Official transcript
- Essay
- 3 Letters of recommendation (obtained in the last 12 months)

10 scholarships
\$4,000 each

Deadline to apply June 1, 2024

Find Scholarship Applications at WWW.FCSU.COM (www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships).

For more info call us at 800-533-6682 ext. 114 or email scholarship@fcsu.com.



Stephen C. Matula **SCHOLARSHIP** 2024 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For the purpose of establishing my eligibility for a scholarship award, I submit the following information which I represent to be true and complete.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Attach photo: 3-1/2" x 2-1/2"

Note: If possible, please provide a high-res jpg, as this photo will be printed in Jednota & posted online.

Email the photo with your full name and home address to

scholarship@fcsu.com

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Are you a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union? (circle one) YES NO

I WILL BE attending a 4-year accredited college/university as a (circle one): FRESHMEN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR

Date

Signature of Applicant

Signature of the Home Office

Date

MAIL or EMAIL TO:

Stephen C. Matula Scholarship, First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, # 300, Independence, OH 44131
Scholarship@fcsu.com, 800-533-6682 ext.114

PLEASE NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS (THOSE WHICH ARE RECEIVED NOT FULLY COMPLETED OR DO NOT HAVE ALL ATTACHMENTS) WILL BE INVALID AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT **JUNE 1, 2024** OR THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED INVALID.

APPLICANT'S SCHOOL INFORMATION

1. Institution You Plan to Attend or Attending _____
2. Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
3. Intended Field of Study/Major _____
4. Have You Been Accepted? _____
5. Anticipated Date of Enrollment _____ Date of Graduation _____
6. Anticipated Annual Cost:

Tuition	\$	_____
Books and Fees	\$	_____
Other	\$	_____
Total	\$	_____

Have you ever received an FCSU Scholarship award or Stephen C. Matula Scholarship award? Circle one: **YES** **NO**

If yes for FCSU Scholarship, enter Year _____ Category _____ Amount _____
(Categories: Catholic Grade Schools, Catholic High Schools, Colleges, Graduate Schools, Vocational/Trade Schools)

If yes for Stephen C. Matula Scholarship, enter Year _____ Attending school as _____ Amount _____

ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Provide an autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words containing your goals and objectives. Describe any demonstrated leadership skills and list awards received for scholastic excellence and leadership ability. In one of the paragraphs describe how you were involved in school activities. In another, give details of your church or community service. Describe how your **SLOVAK HERITAGE** and **religious faith** helped you in your personal development. Give your reasons for applying and why you think you should receive this scholarship.

PLEASE INITIAL by each line.

_____ I certify that the information on this form and the supporting documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information will be considered confidential, for review by the Scholarship Committee.

_____ I understand that this award must be used towards tuition for the academic year for which it was awarded.

_____ I certify that I will be attending or am attending as a full-time student a 4-year accredited college/university.

_____ I understand that in the event I decide to withdraw from the school, the scholarship award will be returned to the FCSU Stephen C. Matula Scholarship Fund.

_____ I understand that the award will be paid directly to the educational institution I am/will be attending.

_____ I understand that I will need to provide a report at the end of the school year on my progress including a summary of use of the funds awarded, courses taken and grades received in that academic period. The report will be mailed to: Stephen C. Matula Scholarship Report, FCSU, 6611 Rockside Rd, #300, Independence, OH 44131.

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS CHECK LIST TO PREVENT MAILING US AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION

CHECK LIST

- Completed and signed application**
- Essay**
- Headshot photo (high resolution jpg)**
- Official high school or college transcript**
- 3 Letters of recommendation** (*must be obtained in the last 12 months*)
- My school will mail my Official Transcript
- My school will mail my Letter(s) of recommendation

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