



Catholic Community Foundation Mary Fran Carroll Non-Traditional Scholarship

Now Accepting Applications for the 2026-27 Academic Year

Purpose: The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to offer non-traditional students with a demonstrated desire to learn, the opportunity for a college or vocational education through the Mary Fran Carroll Scholarship. Ms. Carroll was a woman of deep Catholic faith, who wanted those receiving her scholarship to benefit from her legacy by being better prepared to face the challenges of the world today and the generations to come, in addition to using their education for the betterment of the entire community.

Award: A **\$4,500 annual scholarship** will be awarded for tuition, books and fees (housing and living expenses not eligible). Scholarships may be renewed annually for a **total of \$22,500 over five years** for undergraduate studies for students maintaining a minimum 3.2 GPA.



Eligibility

- Residents of Sarasota County, FL who have been out of high school for 3+ years with serious financial circumstances that prohibited them from pursuing their educational objectives immediately after high school;
- Non-traditional students usually possess one of the following characteristics: delayed enrollment into post-secondary education; independent status for financial aid; have dependents other than a spouse; are single parents; attend college part-time; or work full-time.
- Completion of an online application and financial needs assessment; SAI from the 2026-27 FAFSA to be submitted.
- Motivation to use this opportunity to obtain the credentials necessary to advance in a specific career track, which must be described in a clearly articulated career plan;
- Acceptance into an accredited college, university or vocational program



Opens: **December 4, 2025**

Apply: www.ccfdioceseofvenice.org or scan QR code

Deadline: All applications and supporting documents must be submitted electronically by **11:59 PM on March 1, 2026**