



Region 11 Athletic Ministry
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The 2018 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 33 essays for scholarship consideration. We asked the students to give two examples from the world of sports - plus a personal experience - that exemplify our CYO ideals of good sportsmanship. The essays were evaluated anonymously by a panel of eight long-serving former CYO administrators and five scholarships for \$500 each were awarded to:

Erin Jolly – St. Luke the Evangelist parish, attending Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School
Joachim McElroy – St. Hilary of Poitiers parish, attending Bishop McDevitt High School
Aidan McShane – St. Albert the Great parish, attending Father Judge High School
Stephanie Motz – Our Lady Help of Christians parish, attending Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School
Alexandra Whelan – St. John Bosco parish, attending St. Basil Academy

This year we will again award five scholarships of \$500 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 Wednesday, May 16, 2018 to be considered for one of the \$500 scholarships. **Because the essays will be evaluated anonymously, students should not identify themselves or their specific parishes in the essay itself. Include the following information ONLY in the email:**

NAME – PARISH - CYO ACTIVITIES - HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING FALL OF 2018:
Please return to: 2018scholarship@region11cyo.org by **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**
(You will receive an email confirming receipt – if you don't receive one, contact the Coordinator.)

2018 CYO Scholarship Question:

"Think of a professional athlete – past or present. What qualities and behaviors do you believe this individual exhibits or exhibited that make him or her the ideal CYO role model."

Excluded athletes that you may **NOT** write about: Connor Barwin, Roberto Clemente, Nick Foles, Jamie Moyer, Jackie Robinson, Shane Victorino, or Carson Wentz.