

Cardinal Kung, A Defender of the Faith Scholarship

To honor Cardinal's heroic fidelity to the Church (1901-2000), The Cardinal Kung Foundation is pleased to offer the **Cardinal Kung, A Defender of The Faith Scholarship** to high school seniors entering a college recommended in the *Newman Guide*.

- * **Scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded to one (1) high school senior**
- * **Additional scholarships of \$1,000 each may be awarded to applicants with outstanding records at the discretion of the Foundation.**

Ignatius Bishop Kung Pin-Mei, Bishop of Shanghai, was a renowned educator in Shanghai, China and a prisoner for Christ for thirty-two years under the Chinese communist government. Saint Pope John Paul II named him Cardinal in pectore in 1979 while he was serving a life sentence in China. He was proclaimed Cardinal in 1991. Saint Pope John Paul II referred to Cardinal as “*a man who has given witness by word and deed, through long suffering and trials, to what constitutes the essence of Life in the Church, participation in the divine life through the apostolic faith and evangelical love.*”

Prior to his arrest in 1955, Bishop Kung engaged in practical activities to prepare himself and the Church in Shanghai for coming persecutions. He visited all parishes to encourage weekly devotions such as adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, public recitation of the rosary, and praying the Passion of the Cross. He strengthened the catechetical training in all parishes to enable the faithful to defend their faith against communism. He vigorously trained hundreds of lay Catholics, especially youth, as catechists to pass on the faith to future generations when clergy and nuns would be jailed or martyred.

In honor of Cardinal Kung's commitment to practical activity in the service of Christ and His Church, the award will be made based on the student's demonstrated commitment to actively promoting and defending the Catholic faith.

Eligibility

The scholarship is open to high school seniors in the United States, who will enroll for the first time as full time students in an undergraduate degree program, in the fall of 2023, in a college recommended in the *Newman Guide (2022)* published by the Cardinal Newman Society.

The applicants must show excellence in living, promoting and defending the Catholic faith. Excellence can be shown with a consistent record of service to the Church. For example:

- * Leading efforts to promote the Catholic faith or preparing for this service,
- * Organizing or participating in events on living the Catholic faith in school or in the parish,
- * Teaching the Catholic faith to younger students,
- * Engaging in discussions and debates about faith,
- * Studying diligently the faith for the sake of living devoutly and sharing it with others throughout one's life.

The applicant must be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States of America.

Application requirements

A cover sheet listing the following: Applicant's full name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, name and address of the high school, graduation date, name of college or university in Fall 2023, and age.

A 400-600-word essay, written by the applicant, that details the applicant's current activities defending the Church, leading efforts to promote the Catholic faith, or by preparing such a service. The essay must explain why the applicant has chosen to devote time to these activities. While the essay should be well written, the applications will be judged mainly on the student's activities.

A resume

Letters of recommendation from people familiar with the applicant's activity as a defender of the faith. The referee should attest to the applicant's practicality in serving the Church and their long-term commitment in defending the faith. It is preferable that the referee is not a family member of the applicant.

Applications should be submitted by postal mail or as a PDF attachment to an email to:

Scholarship Committee
The Cardinal Kung Foundation
PO Box 17429, Stamford, CT 06907-7429
cardinalkungfdn@gmail.com

Timeline

Submissions will be accepted between December 1, 2022 and January 12, 2023.

Applications submitted through postal mail should be postmarked by January 12, 2023.

The award will be announced on the anniversary of Cardinal Kung's death, March 12, or the next business day.

In 2023, the announcement will be made on March 13 and will be posted on the Cardinal Kung Foundation's website: <http://www.cardinalkungfoundation.org>

Additional Rules

The scholarship will be paid directly to the college in which the student enrolls as tuition or a room and board payment. The college must be recommended in the 2022 – 2023 *Newman Guide*.

Failure to provide proof of enrollment by October 1, 2023 will result in forfeiture of the award.

All submitted essays become the property of the Cardinal Kung Foundation. The Cardinal Kung Foundation reserves the right to publish the names of the scholarship recipients, the essays, and the name of the school or parish. Any document submitted with the application will not be returned.

The decision of the Cardinal Kung Foundation will be final.

Recommended resources

<http://www.cardinalkungfoundation.org>

Biography: *Ignatius, The Life of Ignatius Cardinal Kung Pin-Mei* (available at Amazon.com)

<https://soundcloud.com/churchofsaintagnes/cardinalkung?in=churchofsaintagnes/sets/saint-agnes-quick-talks> A 15-minute summary of the life of Cardinal Kung delivered at Saint Agnes Quick Talks, a program of Saint Agnes Church, Saint Paul, MN by Rev. Joseph W. Koterski, S.J., (1953-2021), a former Director of The Cardinal Kung Foundation.

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