

## "Nominee" Criteria & Process

Each school's "Nomination Committee" shall meet in December to consider "Extraordinary" inspirational high school seniors exhibiting leadership and a strong sense of community and service. Other Nominee criteria are included below:

- Students must reside in Bay or Walton County and have been enrolled a minimum of their 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade years in a Bay or Walton public or charter school.
- Student GPA Requirement: Unweighted 3.0

The "Nomination Committee" shall provide the "Nominee" names and contact info in writing to The St. Joe Community Foundation's Executive Director, April Wilkes (<a href="mailto:april.wilkes@joe.com">april.wilkes@joe.com</a>) by 5 PM CST on January 15, 2022.

"No Ordinary JOE" Scholarship application invitations will be sent to each "Nominee" by 5 PM CST on January 17, 2022.

## "Finalist" Criteria & Process

Each nominated applicant must submit a completed application, including a 400-500 word essay specific to community leadership and service, a clear record of community service and three (3) letters of recommendation attesting to the Nominee's character, motivation and leadership. <u>Note:</u> Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Each "Nominee" must then submit their completed application to The St. Joe Community Foundation's Executive Director, <a href="mailto:april.wilkes@joe.com">april.wilkes@joe.com</a>, by 5 PM CST on February 14, 2022.

Applicants will be judged on their leadership and service to their community or school, demonstrating a high degree of unselfishness to assist others.

The "Selection Committee" will select 1 "Finalist" from each school within their perspective counties to then move on to the "Interview" process to be considered for the County Winner of the No Ordinary JOE scholarship.

## **Interview Process**

Each County's Finalists will be scheduled individually for an In-person interview with the Selection Committee. Each Finalist must attend this interview or be disqualified.

## **Other Requirements**

Applicants must attend an accredited college or university as a degree seeking student with a minimum of 12 semester credit hours.

All scholarship winners will be required to execute a "Scholarship Award Agreement" to certify all information included in the application was accurate to the best of his or her knowledge and the essay was written entirely on their own. The Agreement will also include verification and restrictions of how the scholarship funds can be used and ascertain that remaining unused funds must be returned to the St. Joe Community Foundation.