

# EASTERN CATHOLIC BRILLIANT JEWEL SCHOLARSHIP

It (*referencing the 21 Eastern Rites*) is a brilliant jewel for the whole Church, it confirms the God-given unity of the Catholic Faith.

- Pope Leo XIII-1894 *Orientalium Dignitas*

# \$7,000

- ◆ \$7,000 yearly / \$3,500 per semester
- ◆ This scholarship is in addition to standard institutional aid.
- ◆ For a duration of up to 4 years as an undergraduate student

## REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Applicant must be a practicing Catholic and an active member of an *Eastern Catholic Church*.
- ◆ Applicant must provide an endorsement letter from his / her Eastern Catholic Pastor.
- ◆ Applicant must be a first-time college freshman with a high school GPA of 2.8 (unweighted) or above; and an ACT score of 23 or above, or a SAT score of 1140 or above, who is accepted for admission at Ave Maria University for Fall 2021.
- ◆ Applicant must maintain a university GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- ◆ This scholarship may not be combined with any other regional or donor funded scholarship.

## HOW TO APPLY:

- ◆ Applicant must complete the online admissions application at: [avemaria.edu/apply-now/](http://avemaria.edu/apply-now/)
- ◆ Applicant must complete the online scholarship application at: [avemaria.edu/future-students/scholarships/](http://avemaria.edu/future-students/scholarships/)

Apply early! A limited number of scholarships will be awarded.



AVE MARIA  
UNIVERSITY



August 27, 2020

Dear Pastor,

I hope this letter finds you doing well.

As you may know, in 1998 I sold Domino's Pizza in order to devote my time and resources to support Catholic projects. It soon became apparent to me that the greatest good I could do for the Church was to found a new Catholic university, one that would not only be academically excellent, but even more importantly faithful to the magisterium of the Catholic Church! As a result, Ave Maria University was founded and is located in southwest Florida.

Over the last two decades since its founding, Ave Maria University (AMU) has grown to more than 1,100 dedicated students. They hail from 44 states and 20 countries and are engaged in more than 30 different majors. What sets AMU apart is its dedication and adherence to the Church. AMU has been endorsed by The Newman Guide since its founding, and our students have the opportunity to attend daily Mass, confession and avail themselves of perpetual adoration.

I have long admired Eastern Catholics for your rich liturgical traditions, devoted congregations and close families. I believe that young men and women from the Eastern Catholic Churches will enhance the vibrant faith community which already exists at AMU. In turn, I believe they will be blessed and enriched by all the university has to offer, both in and outside the classroom. Therefore, in an effort to reach out to Eastern Catholic students, we have created the *Eastern Catholic Brilliant Jewel Scholarship*. This \$7,000 scholarship, which is renewable for up to four years, is in addition to the already generous institutional aid, offered at AMU!

While the Church is facing many challenges, I am excited about our future leaders at Ave Maria, who are being equipped and inspired to serve the Church in the face of both challenges and opportunities. I would be grateful if you would help to spread the word about this scholarship and the university. Enclosed is an AMU brochure and information on the Brilliant Jewel Scholarship. If you or anyone on your staff have questions, Eric VanHeusen (845-238-9984 / [evanheusen@avemariafoundation.org](mailto:evanheusen@avemariafoundation.org)) is available to assist. Thank you for all you are doing to serve the Church!

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Monaghan  
Chancellor & Founder

Enclosures

## Majors

- Accounting
- American Studies
- Biochemistry
- Biology (BA & BS)
- Business Administration
- Catholic Studies
- Chemistry
- Classics & Early Christian Literature
- Communications
- Economics
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Environmental Science
- Exercise Physiology
- Finance
- Global Affairs & International Business
- Health Science
- Healthcare Management
- History
- Humanities and Liberal Studies
- Literature
- Managerial Economics & Strategic Analysis
- Marine Biology
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Music
- Nursing
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Economy & Government
- Politics
- Psychology
- Theology



33 MAJORS

8,075 AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS VOLUNTEERED PER YEAR

14:1 STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO



TUITION IS 40% LESS THAN MOST COMPETING CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

20 AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

STUDENTS FROM 44 STATES

20 COUNTRIES



**AVE MARIA**  
UNIVERSITY

Excellent.  
Authentic.  
Catholic.

Truly formative learning  
on a vibrant, modern,  
faithful campus.



Want to learn more about Ave Maria University?  
Go online at [AveMaria.edu](http://AveMaria.edu) or call 320.280.2556

Our seasoned professors bring practical, **real-world experience into every classroom.** While caring about you personally, they prepare you professionally – to become a critical thinker, competent writer, and committed, joyful follower of Jesus Christ.

We've grown to have:

**33**  
MAJORS

**28**  
MINORS

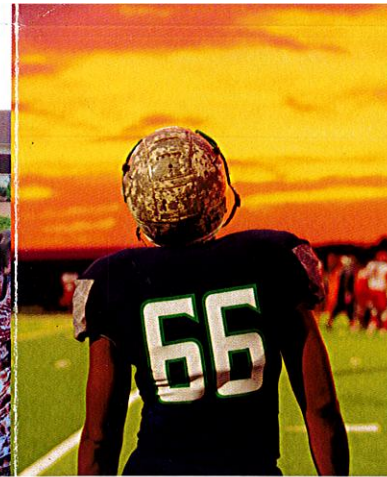
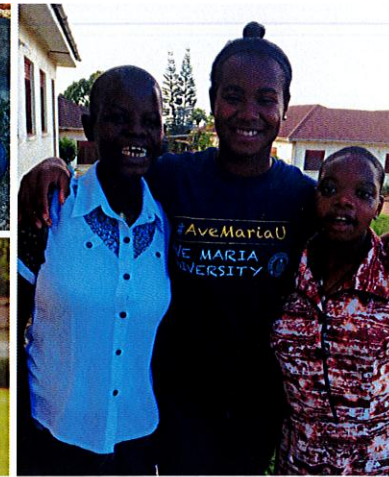
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PRIVATE  
UNIVERSITY  
IN FLORIDA\*

**87%**

OF AVE PROFESSORS  
HOLD A PH.D.  
OR EQUIVALENT.

\*Source: WalletHub 2018 College and University Rankings



On average, our student body volunteers

**8,075 HOURS**  
PER YEAR

Students have met, befriended, and served disadvantaged people, AIDS victims, the homeless, farmworker families, and the elderly in the nearby town of Immokalee, and as far away as New York, Chicago, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Calcutta.

No other college in the U.S. has a closer connection to Mother Teresa than Ave Maria University. Our President, Jim Towey, served as Mother Teresa's legal counsel for the last 12 years of her life, and volunteered for her full-time for two years, helping open an AIDS home and a mission in Mexico. President Towey also served as Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for President George W. Bush.

With permission from the Missionaries of Charity, the order that Mother Teresa founded, the **Mother Teresa Project** at Ave Maria University was established in 2013. **The program is uniquely designed to produce graduates who live their lives spreading Mother's compassion and teachings,** while becoming less self-centered and more outward focused – and in the process, finding true joy.

About 40% of Ave students compete on our fierce intercollegiate athletic teams, fondly known as the Gyrenes (nickname for U.S. Marines), which participate in the NAIA Sun Conference.

All of our outstanding coaches model excellent values and teach our student athletes invaluable lessons about competition, sportsmanship, teamwork, and life.

### Sun Conference NAIA Athletics

- Baseball
- Basketball (M & W)
- Cross Country (M & W)
- Football
- Golf (M & W)
- Lacrosse
- Soccer (M & W)
- Softball
- Tennis (M & W)
- Volleyball

### Club Sports

- Rugby
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Cheerleading
- Equestrian

