



# Our Lady of Mercy Academy

*Educating young women with Faith, Compassion, and Promise*

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## Joan C. Echausse '51 Award

### ***Award Overview***

Joan C. Echausse is a distinguished graduate of the Class of 1951 at Our Lady of Mercy Academy. Many family members also attended OLMA, including her daughters Nancy Echausse '80 and Mary Krupa '77, daughter-in-law Beth Cochran '80, and granddaughter Meghan '13.

For over 50 years, Joan had tirelessly contributed her time to the community and pastoral group at St. Brigid's Parish in Westbury. Her spirit of faithfulness, service, and generosity was a testament to the teachings, traditions, and values instilled in her as a young woman educated in the rich heritage and principles of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. This Financial Assistance Award was structured to support those preserving Joan's legacy of service to others.

This \$2,500 need-based award is given to an incoming ninth-grade student who has maintained an 85% or above grade point average and has demonstrated a commitment of service to others and the applicant must list Our Lady of Mercy Academy as her first-choice school on the TACHS Exam. This award was provided in recognition of the student's outstanding contributions of service to other individuals in her church, community, and/or workplace. It is renewable on an annual basis if the applicant continues to meet the criteria.

### ***Application Instructions***

- Submit a financial aid application to FACTS via [www.OLMA.org/Admissions](http://www.OLMA.org/Admissions) and last year's tax return by December 1
- Complete the Intent to Apply for OLMA Financial Aid and/or Awards Google Form via the Admissions Portal and complete the second page of this application
- Ask two people to write recommendation letters—principal, teacher, coach, community service advisor, etc.
- Submit a one-page essay answering all of the questions provided
- Provide sixth and seventh grade report cards, and eighth grade Q1 grades when available

### ***Submission Instructions***

- Ask those writing recommendation letters to hand you their letter in a sealed envelope or email directly to Mrs. Waechter, Director of Admissions, at [nwaechter@olma.org](mailto:nwaechter@olma.org).
- Collect your application form, essay, transcripts, and recommendations in one envelope prior to December 1
- Mail or drop off a completed application with the aforementioned documents to the address listed below:

**Director of Admissions & Recruitment**

**Our Lady of Mercy Academy**

815 Convent Road

Syosset, NY 11791

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### *Application Questions*

Please submit a one-page essay that is typed in Times New Roman, size 12 font with one-inch margins.

- Why would you like to attend Our Lady of Mercy Academy?
- Please describe your active service activities in your school, parish, community, and/or workplace
- Please describe how the service you have given to others has impacted you.

### *Applicant Information*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Alumnae Connections to OLMA*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ OLMA Grad Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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### *Recommendations*

Please provide contact information for those writing your recommendation letters:

#### **A teacher or principal from 7th-8th grade**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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**A coach or community service supervisor**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_