

St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Merit Scholarship Essay

Please compose a five paragraph essay of about 500 words, including a thesis statement, that answers **ONE** of the questions below. Please see the rubric for more information on how the essays will be scored.

- 1. All Sacred Heart Schools are united by a shared mission inspired by our founder, St. Madeleine Sophie Barat. Of the Five Goals, which one resonates with you the most, and why?**

- I. A personal and active faith in God;
- II. A deep respect for intellectual values;
- III. A social awareness that impels to action;
- IV. The building of community as a Christian value;
- V. Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.

- 2. St. Madeleine Sophie lived during a time of political upheaval and great inequality. Although she was born into a relatively privileged family, she used that power to help others. Educating girls was not common at the time, but Sophie knew women have the power to transform the world.**

**In your opinion, what is something that needs to be changed in the world today?
How could you start to bring about that change in your community?**

Applicants are notified that they are scholarship candidates once all required documentation has been received and evaluated . The Selection Committee will then invite candidates to an interview. At the time of their acceptance to Sacred Heart Academy, candidates will be notified of their award.