*“Rebuild my Church.”*

**2026 San Damiano Servant Leadership Award Student Application**

**Name:**       **Email:**

**Mailing address:**       **Phone:**

**School:**       **Anticipated date of graduation:**

**Area(s) of study:**

**How did you hear about the San Damiano Servant Leadership Award?**

**By submitting this application, I acknowledge that: (please initial)**

Franciscan Mission Service has permission to share my video, name, photo, and story on its website, social media, and other outlets.

**Due in one email to Claire Bosch at info@franciscanmissionservice.org by January 16, 2026.** Hard copies will not be accepted.

**This application form**—including short-essay responses and service/leadership highlights

**Your resume**—including relevant coursework, service, and professional experiences related to Catholic Social Teaching or social justice

Optional, but encouraged: **A short video** that creatively demonstrates your commitment to serving marginalized or impoverished populations. The video should also demonstrate how your service experiences, or a particularly significant service experience, have impacted you and the community. If you cannot attach the video file in the email, you can submit a link to an online version of the video (i.e. YouTube, Vimeo). Other guidelines:

* Video length is 3 minutes maximum. If submitted, videos will be evaluated on content, creativity, and the effort put into them – not on technical skills.
* While optional, videos will be evaluated within the context of the applicant’s entire application. Therefore, FMS recognizes that applicants who submit a video may be inclined to write shorter essays, and applicants who do not submit a video may desire to write longer essays.
* Franciscan Mission Service may show the winner’s video at the World Care Benefit. Please keep this audience in mind by presenting professional content, mannerisms, and attire in the video. Please be sure that speaking voices can be heard over any background volume, especially if including music.

**Also due via email by January 16, 2026:** Two recommendations – one from a peer and one from a campus minister or service learning staff member. The recommendation form is available at [www.franciscanmissionservice.org/impact/san\_damiano\_award](https://www.franciscanmissionservice.org/impact/san_damiano_award), and should also be emailed to Claire Bosch at info@franciscanmissionservice.org.

**Short-Essay Questions**

**How do your prayer and faith life inform and intersect with your commitment to Catholic Social Teaching or social justice?**

*Please answer in 600 words or less.*

     

**If you were to receive the $300 award, how would you use this money to empower yourself or others to make the world a better place? (Examples: to help with loans during a year of service, to attend a training/conference, as start-up money for a project, etc.)**

*Please answer in 300 words or less.*

**Service and Leadership Highlights**

We want to know how you have consistently engaged in service and leadership during college; especially activities that reflect your commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, social justice, and Franciscan values of peace, hope, joy, generosity, and simplicity. *Any additional activities not included in this section should be clearly stated on your resume.*

**Service:** Please highlight your service commitments to marginalized or impoverished populations.

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| Organization/Project Name | Description of Service | Dates |
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**Leadership**: Please highlight your collegiate leadership experiences and ways that you have helped engage other students in service.

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