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**Circle Of Concern is Accepting Scholarship Applications
Through April 30**

Valley Park, MO., March 20, 2017 . . . Circle Of Concern Food Pantry in Valley Park is currently accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who live within the Parkway, Rockwood, and Valley Park School Districts. The non-profit organization will award funds for the coming school year to several eligible seniors. Applications can be downloaded online at www.circleofconcern.org and must be completed and received by Circle by 3 p.m. on April 30, 2017.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must reside within Circle's service area of Rockwood, Parkway, and Valley Park School Districts; and meet the financial eligibility guidelines, as noted on the [application](#).

Circle's scholarships are awarded based on need identified through a competitive process. Candidates must demonstrate a significant financial need and merit based on academic achievement and/or character. Individual scholarships up to \$4,000 will be awarded. Scholarships can be used at professional trade schools, community colleges or four-year institutions.

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Cyndi Miller, executive director of Circle Of Concern, said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for high school seniors who might not have the financial means for college to get some extra financial support. We believe that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and that higher education can lead to greater job opportunities, so we want to do all we can to help in the process."

Last year Circle Of Concern awarded \$57,000 in scholarships to 17 high school seniors from its service area. Its scholarship program is in its 47th year and has awarded more than \$1 million to more than 600 students in West St. Louis County.

For more information about Circle Of Concern's scholarship programs and services, visit <http://www.circleofconcern.org> or call 636.861.2623.

About Circle Of Concern

Circle Of Concern is a non-profit food pantry and social services agency serving low-income families in West St. Louis County. The organization helps feed approximately 1200 households annually and offers financial support, scholarships, job mentoring, children's programs and holiday events to allow its clients to use their limited resources to regain their financial footing.

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