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MAR THOMA MERIT AWARD 2021

Dear Achen:

The Diocese of North America & Europe is inviting nominations for the 2021 Mar Thoma Merit Awards. Students who graduate as high school class valedictorians or have exceptional qualifications (see appropriate forms for criteria) and who are members of Mar Thoma parishes or congregations and who attend worship services and participate in parish activities are eligible for this award.

If there are candidates in your parish/congregation who meet the appropriate criteria for the awards, please encourage them to apply. Applicants must fill out the appropriate forms (attached), submit necessary supporting documents, and mail it to: *Rev. Aju Abraham, 2320 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY 11566, Tel: (516) 377-3311, Email: marthomadiocese@gmail.com.*

Please note that the forms have to be signed by the applicant and verified by the parish Vicar.

The application must also include one of the following:

- In schools that have a Valedictorian award, a letter from the respective school on the school letter-head certifying that the student has been selected to be the Valedictorian of the 2021 graduating class from that school.
- In schools with no Valedictorian awards, a letter from the respective school on the school letter-head stating that the school does not offer a Valedictorian award. This letter should also include the overall GPA/percent marks of the student at the time of application.

Students with Valedictorian awards are requested to send, with the application form, a copy of their Valedictorian speech (if available at the time of applying).

All applicants must submit a passport size photograph to be published in the Mar Thoma Messenger. The completed form along with attachments should reach the above address on or before Monday, July 5th, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact marthomadiocese@gmail.com / 516-377-3311.

With prayerful regards,

Rev. Aju Abraham
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