

Diocese of Grand Island Scholarship Program



Goal: To provide scholarships for tuition to the Catholic schools of Grand Island specifically to engage families that are otherwise unable to attend Catholic schools.

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Program Information:

The Diocese of Grand Island Scholarship Program (program) was founded in 2021 as a means of allowing families without the financial means of seeking a Catholic education to attend a Catholic school in the Diocese of Grand Island. The program was funded by the generosity of a benefactor who supplied initial funding to the program in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year. The program seeks to provide full tuition scholarships to students regardless of grade.

Program Requirements

- Families who apply must have a student prepared to enter into a Catholic school within the Diocese of Grand Island for the school year listed on the application.
- Families who apply must meet the criteria for free school lunch based on federal guidelines.
- Families who apply must belong to a Catholic parish.
- Families who apply must not currently or previously have a child attending a Catholic school in the Diocese of Grand Island.
- Students applying must be in good academic standing and meet all enrollment requirements for the Catholic school to which they are applying.

Application Procedure

- Families must complete the application form for the program in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Families must procure a letter of recommendation from the pastor of their Catholic parish.
- Families must provide their most recent tax return with the application as evidence of eligibility for the free and reduced lunch program.
- The application and all supporting materials must be turned in directly to the principal of the school no later than the deadline determined on an annual basis. No late applications will be considered.
- A separate application form must be completed for each subsequent year of a scholarship award

Selection Procedure

- The applications will be reviewed and considered by the pastors of the school/parishes involved as well as the principal of the school. Decisions shall be final.
- Applicants not selected may apply in subsequent years.
- Applicants selected may not reapply should they leave the school of choice.
- Families selected as scholarship recipients will make a one time payment of 10% of the annual tuition and fees of the school. Recipients will have the remainder of fees and tuition paid by the scholarship program.

Application for Scholarship

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Directions: Fill out this form completely and return to the principal of the school where application is requested along with the most recent tax return transcript and a letter of recommendation from your pastor.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Children:

_____ Age: _____ Current School: _____

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_____ Age: _____ Current School: _____

Catholic Parish: _____ Pastor Name: _____

Parents: Together Separated Divorced Widow(ed)

School applying for: _____

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Give a brief summary (no more than 500 words) of why your family is pursuing an opportunity scholarship. If you desire, you may type and attach your narrative.

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Initial each statement below.

_____ Myself and my family agree to uphold the standards of the school for which we are applying.

_____ I agree to hold my student to an attendance rate of at least 90%.

_____ I agree to hold my student accountable for passing grades.

_____ I agree that failure to uphold the standards listed above will result in a revocation of my student's scholarship and full financial responsibility for the remainder of the school year during which time this determination is made.

_____ I agree to pay 10% of the annual tuition and fees to the school of enrollment no later than December 31 of the school year. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of scholarship funds.

_____ I agree to allow the school to release grades, special education verifications, standardized test scores, and demographic information for use by the Diocese of Grand Island Scholarship program for program evaluation purposes. I agree to allow my child's picture and video to be taken and used for promotional and fundraising purposes. Finally, I agree to release the program from any and all liability in its efforts to provide this scholarship.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____