



THE MOST THOUGHTFUL BANK
ON THE PLANET

Scholarship Application Instructions

Please Note: Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Screenshots of the application are not accepted.

In addition to the completed and signed application form, all students applying for a scholarship must submit the following materials:

1. Student Essays
2. Grade point average (GPA) documentation: Official transcript or report card documenting the student's cumulative GPA
3. Two Letters of Recommendation
4. Parent Information Form
5. Verification of household income for 2023 and 2024 (If available)
6. Student video, audio recording, essay, or poem (see instructions and options below)

1. STUDENT ESSAY QUESTIONS

- a. Recount a time when you experienced failure.
- b. How did it affect you and what lessons did you learn?
- c. Choose a person or persons you admire and explain why.
- d. What do you want to use your education to achieve?
- e. What are your goals after you graduate high school?
- f. How will a private, faith-based education prepare you for future endeavors?

2. GRADE POINT AVERAGE DOCUMENTATION

Submit an official transcript or school grade report showing a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

Official transcripts must be provided before a scholarship can be awarded. For the initial application, you may submit unofficial documents and follow up with official GPA documents later.

Official documents are in a sealed envelope from the school and are marked "Official."

3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Submit two letters of recommendation. The letters cannot be from family members. We suggest asking a teacher, coach, family friend, community member, clergy, mentor, etc.

Recommendation letters must address the following questions:

- How long have you known the student and in what capacity?
- How will the student benefit from this opportunity?
- What are the student's strengths?
- What skills does the student possess that will benefit him or her in private, faith-based setting?

4. PARENT INFORMATION FORM

The parent or legal guardian must complete the Parent Information Form.

5. HOUSEHOLD INCOME VERIFICATION

Submit the front page of your 1040 form for the past two years or submit copies of your W-2 forms.

6. STUDENT VIDEO, AUDIO RECORDING, ESSAY, OR POEM

Students should create a short video, record an audio statement of three minutes or less, or write an essay or poem introducing themselves to the scholarship committee and expressing what receiving the scholarship would mean to them.

Students should be as creative as possible while sharing their introduction.

If an audio file is created, share a link or attach the file with the application materials.

If an essay or poem is created, attach the file in a pdf with the application materials.

7. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Email application materials as attachments to theresa@texascicadas.com by November 15, 2024, at 11:59 PM (ET). We encourage students to submit their application early to avoid any delays in receiving materials due to technical difficulties. Applicants will be notified of decisions by the first week of December.

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Thank you for your interest in Catholic Schools. To be considered for a scholarship please complete the following:

1. Complete this form.
2. Read and complete all requirements listed in the Scholarship Application Instructions document.
3. Email all requested materials as attachments to theresa@texascicadas.com by November 15, 2024, at 11:59 PM (ET).

Student Legal Name (First) _____ (Last) _____

Today's Date _____ Birthdate _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (Day) _____ (Cell) _____

Student Grade Level (for the coming school year) _____ GPA (from student's most recent report card) _____

Name of Current School _____ School Phone Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

INCOME INFORMATION

Annual Family Income (Adjusted Gross Income AGI on 2023 Taxes) _____ Number of Family Members _____

Reason for Eligibility, in some cases documentation of extenuating circumstances must be provided with the application.

Choose which one applies:

- Free/Reduced Lunch
- Other Public Assistance (Program Name) _____
(Program Contact Name) _____ (Phone) _____
- Extenuating Circumstances (medical bills, another child in school, etc.) _____

By signing this application, you agree to the following (electronic initials accepted):

____ If my child is granted a scholarship, my intention is for this student to graduate from the school.

____ I agree to provide verification of household income by providing the front page of the 1040 form for the past two years or W2 forms for the same two years.

Signature (electronic signature accepted) _____

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Parent Information Form

The scholarship application requires a parent or legal guardian to write responses to the following statements. Please submit this form, with all other requested application materials, to theresa@texascicadas.com by November 15, 2024 at 11:59 PM (ET).

1. Students need to be familiar with online systems, use email frequently, and need to be confident working online, and in the classroom be comfortable communicating effectively in front of their peers. Please describe your student's technical abilities, including familiarity with using email and other online communication tools (such as Zoom, etc.). Include your assessment of how well you feel your student could adapt to using the school's systems if he or she receives a thorough orientation and follow-up support.
2. Student success in education requires a partnership between the parent and school. Please identify the reasons why as a family you all are choosing private, faith-based education. What are the characteristics and values you would like to be instilled in your child? Describe what kind of environment is ideal for your child to thrive? What role if any does the Holy Spirit play in your family, in you as a parent and in your child?
3. Describe how you believe your child will benefit from receiving a scholarship to a Catholic School. Please be as specific as possible about your expectations regarding the impact this will have on your child's future.
4. Please provide any additional information about your student's past school experiences or personal history that you feel would help the scholarship committee know your student.

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____