

PAY IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION¹ ST. CHARLES SCHOOL AND ALTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Reference: *Pay It Forward Scholarship Application* for students entering grades, 6, 7, & 8

Dear Parents,

The concept of Pay It Forward reveals the heart of our Catholic Church. With three words it states that the beauty of our faith has been gifted *by and for each generation* for over 2,000 years, and Catholic schools have had a positive impact on American culture for almost 500 years.² A benefactor, through his Foundation, has chosen to provide assistance for Catholic educational opportunities for the four South Dayton elementary schools³ and for Alter High School⁴ students. The title of the program, *Pay It Forward*, communicates an appreciation for gifts that a Catholic education has provided in the past, and it carries with it an enticement and hopefulness that will sustain the ability for students to attend Catholic schools in the future.

The attached scholarship application is for those who not only maintain high academics and Christian behavior but also have a financial need. The following list of guidelines will help you to know whether your child is eligible and how to apply.

1. A generous one-half of the school's tuition will be provided for six students entering Catholic School in grades 6, 7, or 8 for the 2021-2022 school year (two scholarships per grade).
2. Six recipients will be selected from the completed application packets given to the principal by the deadline: March 1, 2021. *If there are not qualified applications for one grade level, the scholarships may be transferred to other qualified applicants (not including winners) from the two other grade levels.*
3. Families of students who qualify and are chosen will be notified by March 15, 2021.
4. While scholarship funds will not be provided to parishes by the benefactor's foundation until September 15, 2021, the tuition amounts for the accepted students will be one-half upon full registration.
5. As a part of the application program, parents will write an essay for why it is important for them to have their child or children in Catholic schools. While it is optional, families may ALSO want to have children write an addendum to their essay that provides the child's own reasons for wanting to be in Catholic schools. Combined, the two essays should be no more than 200 words *or less*.
6. Families may apply for children from multiple grade levels, although a completed application must be submitted for each child.
7. Potential recipients who already have full or partial scholarships or grants should not be included so that others may be helped.

The scholarship application found on the back of this letter must be in the principal's office by March 1st. God's blessings be with you as you continue to support Catholic schools through the attendance of your own children. They will be the future benefactors!

Yours in Christ,
David Bogle
Principal



¹ Alter High School represents the Foundation's benefactor

² St. Mary School, Maryland, 1640, Jesuit School

³ St. Albert the Great, St. Charles, Incarnation, and Bishop Leibold schools

⁴ Visit the Alter High School web site for scholarship information concerning students entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Pay It Forward Tuition Scholarship

St. Charles School Application for 2021-22 School Year

The Pay It Forward Tuition Scholarship provides the opportunity for families of current 5th, 6th and 7th grade students at the four South Dayton Catholic Schools⁵ to apply for one-half of the annual tuition for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. The primary goal is to provide short-term financial assistance to families that are committed to providing a quality Catholic education for their children. A generous benefactor has presented St. Charles School with six scholarships for students entering grades 6, 7 & 8 during the 2021-22 school year. Scholarship criteria for students considered must include these qualifications: Academic scholarship (equivalent of “B” and higher grades); Catholic Christian behavior; and financial need (FACTS document or equivalent). A letter from the student’s parent as well as approval by the school principal will finalize the application process. Application packets must be received by your school principal on or before March 1, 2021. The awarded recipients will be notified by 3/15/21.

This is a one-year tuition scholarship, although families may re-apply each year. Families may apply for multiple children, however, a completed application packet is needed for each child. It is the sincere hope of the benefactors that parents and students will make a commitment to Catholic education beyond the term of the scholarship, and that those benefiting from the tuition scholarship will help sustain and grow this program for future generations of Catholic families.

Please submit this sheet and the requested packet of information to the attention of your child’s school principal by **March 1, 2021**.

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

The following information is to be attached to this cover sheet:

1. Copy of current report card: The St. Charles School Principal will access records for existing St. Charles students. There is no need to attach the following information for existing students.
 - a) evidence that applicant maintains a 3.25 GPA (or equivalent of a B+ Average).
 - b) evidence of applicant’s exemplary discipline record (if not noted on the report card, a short verification note from the principal may be included)
2. Parents: Describe in 200 words why you feel it is important for your child to receive a Catholic education.
3. FACTS form or the financial aid forms required for your school. Parents must register online with FACTS and have the 2019 tax return on file.

*The deadline to submit the Application Packet is March 1, 2021,
and recipients for the 2021-22 school year will be notified by March 15, 2021.*

⁵ *Saint Albert the Great, Saint Charles, Incarnation, and Bishop Leibold*