

**THE REVEREND JOSEPH F. MCDONNELL**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP  
MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SJC WOMEN'S CLUB  
APPLICATION

Funds generated from the Saint John of the Cross Women's Club support a Catholic education program that awards scholarships to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students of St. John of the Cross Parish with plans to attend a Catholic high school. The number of scholarships and awarded sums will be determined by the funds available and the judgment of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship committee will give preference to those students who demonstrate involvement in the St. John of the Cross Parish community and those with a financial need.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. The immediate family must currently be registered, active members of St. John of the Cross Parish for at least one year prior to submitting the application. Active members regularly attend Mass, volunteer time or serve in a ministry or provide regular financial support of the Parish.
2. The student should have plans for completing a Catholic high school education.
3. Financial need must be demonstrated and will be taken into serious consideration.
4. The student should have demonstrated a Christian spirit of service and participation in the parish. *A letter of recommendation is suggested and will be accepted, although not required.*
5. The student should have demonstrated scholastic achievement commensurate with his or her ability. **A copy of the most current report card is required with application.**
6. All scholarship applicants must sign in agreement to maintain confidentiality of any award received; failure to do so may result in ineligibility.
7. **Applications must be submitted between February 1-8, 2018. The final due date is February 8, 2018.**
8. The applicant will receive an email verifying that the Committee has received his or her application. If the applicant has not received an email of verification by Sunday Feb. 11, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Director of Youth Ministry.
9. If awarded this scholarship, the student will be expected to give his/her time to support the major generator of funds for this scholarship by serving at least six hours of service at the Women's Club Garage Sale during May & June. Please note that future awards by the committee are contingent upon your volunteering with the Garage Sale.

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GUIDELINES

1. Notice advising that scholarship money is available will be published in the Church bulletin and be sent home to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the school and Youth Catechesis program through their respective newsletters. Notice will also be available through the Director of Youth Ministry in the Parish Center office.
2. Requests for applications will be directed to the School Principal, the Assistant Principal, the Director of Youth Catechesis, the Director of Youth Ministry or the Parish Pastor.
3. Applications must be submitted by February 8, with a copy of a current report card. Previous applications and/or recipients may re-apply each year. Students transferring from public to Catholic high school may apply.
4. The Scholarship Committee will be chaired by the Director of Youth Ministry and also include the School Principal, the Assistant Principal, the Director of Youth Catechesis, The YC Confirmation Coordinator, the Parish Pastor and a Women's Club Representative.
5. The Scholarship Committee will have the final decision on the number of scholarships, the awarded amount and the recipient(s).
6. The Scholarship Committee will notify the recipient(s) by the middle of March.
7. The awarded amount will be sent to the specified Catholic High School for the student's tuition in the Spring.
8. The name of each scholarship recipient will be kept confidential by both the Scholarship Committee and each scholarship recipient and their parents. Recipients may become ineligible for future scholarships if confidentiality is not maintained.

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

- Complete all questions on application.
- Application must be signed by student and at least one parent.
- Most current report card of grades must be attached.
- Attach any letters of recommendations (optional).
- Return as attachment via email to [khayes@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:khayes@stjohnofthecross.org) before February 8<sup>th</sup>

The application should be emailed as an attachment to: [khayes@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:khayes@stjohnofthecross.org)

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APPLICATION FORM PAGE 1

**Information to be filled out by Student:**

FILL IN ALL INFORMATION IN THE SPACE PROVIDED & PRINT OUT TO TURN IN. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Catholic High School \_\_\_\_\_ Family Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Registration at Saint John of the Cross Parish \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Parent, Guardian or other Adult  
Responsible for tuition  
Please fill out all information**

Circle one: Father    Mother    Stepfather  
                                Stepmother    Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_

How long? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Parent, Guardian or other Adult  
Residing with Parent A (fill out anything  
that is different than Parent A)**

Circle one: Father    Mother    Stepfather  
                                Stepmother    Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_

How long? \_\_\_\_\_

We authorize the St. John of the Cross Scholarship Committee to verify the information contained in this application. We agree to the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final and binding.

If we should receive this scholarship, we promise that our family will keep this award confidential; failure to do so may result in ineligibility for future scholarships. We understand that the members of the Scholarship Committee will do the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

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**Household Information to be filled out by Parent:**

1. Number of Individuals who will reside in the student's household during the 2017-2018 school year: Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
If other exists, Please explain relationship to Parent \_\_\_\_\_

2. What ministries have you/your spouse been involved in at St. John of the Cross Parish?  
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\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the annual tuition for the school your child is attending/has applied to? \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
What other tuition expenses do you have? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you applied for financial assistance from your high school? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO  
If Yes, how much have you received from the school? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What other areas have you explored for financial assistance? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

6. Unusual Circumstances—Please check all that apply to your situation:  
\_\_\_ Loss of job \_\_\_\_\_ Illness or Injury  
\_\_\_ Change in family living status \_\_\_\_\_ Death in the family  
\_\_\_ Change in work status \_\_\_\_\_ Other: explain below  
\_\_\_ Income reduction

Explain/elaborate how this affects the financial need of your family, making this scholarship critical to your continuing Catholic education.

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**Responses to be filled out by Student:**

Why is it important for you to attend a Catholic high school?

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Describe the activities that show your Christian spirit of service to your parish, either through the volunteering of time or service through a ministry.

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What do you, or what will you do to help contribute toward the cost of your Catholic education?

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**Please include a copy of your most current report card.** Return application via email to Katie Hayes, Director of Youth Ministry at [khayes@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:khayes@stjohnofthecross.org).