



FOUNDATION TRUST

Foundation Trust Scholarship Fund

The Foundation Trust Scholarship Fund was established to provide need-based scholarships to so that students may continue their parochial elementary school education despite unexpected life events or ongoing financial hardship that might otherwise impact a family's ability to re-enroll their child at St. Mary of the Annunciation School (SMS) in Melrose.

The Foundation Trust is pleased to offer multiple partial-to-full tuition scholarships to families of returning SMS students entering Grades 1 through 6 for the 2019-2020 academic year. Scholarships are generally awarded for one-year terms.

Who is Eligible: The Foundation Trust will offer multiple *partial tuition scholarships* for the 2019-2020 academic year based on financial hardship demonstrated through the FACTS Grant & Aid application. As applicable, the Foundation may also offer *partial-to-full scholarships* to mitigate the financial burden of traumatic events and other major life events impacting a SMS family (e.g., extended illness of a family member; parental death or incapacitation; house fire) irrespective of prior level of financial need.

How to Apply: Families interested in being specifically considered for a Foundation Trust Scholarship should prepare and submit a letter to Principal Christopher Beza by March 31st, 2019. This letter should include the following components:

1. A description of the circumstances negatively impacting your family's ability to re-enroll their child(ren) in SMS for the upcoming year.
2. A statement detailing why continuation of your child's education in a parochial school environment, and at SMS in particular, is vital to your family's educational, spiritual, social, or emotional goals for their child(ren).
3. A statement of your willingness to endorse and contribute to press releases, newspaper articles and other media recognition of this scholarship if awarded.

Selection & Award: SMS leadership will nominate families to the Foundation Trust based upon the above criteria, and in consideration of scholarship funding available through other organizations (e.g., Catholic Schools Foundation). In the event that more families are nominated than can be awarded scholarships through the Foundation Trust for 2019-2020, factors influencing final selection will include consideration of the extent of family adversity, demonstrated financial need, or other extenuating circumstances; articulation of the importance of continued enrollment at SMS to the specific child/family under consideration; family tenure at SMS and extent of active involvement in the SMS community; and attention to diversity and inclusivity. Final selections will be made by the Trustees of the Foundation Trust and announced prior to the end of the current school year. Awards will be distributed directly to SMS in Fall 2019.