



## Frequently Asked Questions Scholarships

1. **What scholarships are available?**

Two scholarship opportunities are available for the upcoming school year cycle: the St. Martin de Porres Scholarship and the St. Anne Scholars Scholarship. If you are involved in the Latin American community, please consider applying for the St. Martin de Porres Scholarship.

2. **Can I apply for more than one scholarship at a time?**

Students are only eligible to apply for one scholarship. Families are able to apply for more than one child. To apply for more than one child, please complete a separate application for each child.

3. **What are the guidelines for eligibility to apply to the St. Anne Scholars scholarship?**

**Student and Family must:**

- Describe their desire to attend an Archdiocese of Detroit K-8 school.
- Describe a need for financial support to attend Catholic school.
- Receive online recommendation from the accredited Archdiocesan K-8 school.

4. **What are the guidelines for eligibility to apply to the St. Martin de Porres scholarship?**

**Student and Family must:**

- Be involved with and interested in Latin American Communities.
- Describe a need for financial support to attend Catholic school.
- Receive online recommendation from the accredited Archdiocesan K-8 school.

5. **When are applications due?**

Online application and all accompanying documents must be submitted by 11:59 pm EST on **June 20th** to be considered for a scholarship award. You will not be able to submit your application after June 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are having issues submitting your application or waiting on a pastor or principal recommendation, please contact Christina Shabo by calling (248) 204-0332, ext 4.



## TIME-TABLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

May 30	Applications are open.
June 20	Applications are due; 11:59 pm.
Late July	Award notifications will be emailed to students.
July 30	Scholarships publicly announced.

### 6. Do I have to register on the online Scholarship platform and fill out an application to get a scholarship?

Yes. The entire application process is online using the Foundation's easy to use scholarship platform. Online application and all accompanying documents must be completed by **June 20<sup>th</sup>** to be eligible.

### 7. Can I submit a paper copy of the application?

Our application process is currently only available through our online scholarship platform. If you or your family have any barriers to technology or need additional support, please contact us. Our team will provide additional resources or support to help you complete your application.

### 8. How do I apply?

- 1) Please click [here](#) to create an account on our scholarship platform and/or log in. If a translation is needed, please click on the Google logo on the upper left corner of the application page that says, "Select Language."
- 2) Click Apply on the top banner and complete a short eligibility quiz.
- 3) Once you complete the eligibility quiz, you will be prompted to submit an application to the scholarship fund that you are most eligible for.  
Applications are accepted in Spanish.

For additional support, please click [this](#) link to watch a five minute video on how to register for an account and submit an application. Click [here](#) to learn how to access and submit the eligibility quiz. If you have any further questions or need any assistance, please reach out to Christina Shabo at (248) 204-0332, ext. 4.



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### 9. Can I apply for the St. Anne Scholars or the St. Martin de Porres scholarship if I have applied for other sources of tuition support?

Yes.

### 10. Who reviews and selects the applications?

The Catholic Foundation of Michigan's *Grant and Impact Committee* will review and evaluate all applications. The selection of recipients of the scholarship grants will be made on an objective, nondiscriminatory basis.

### 11. How are applications evaluated?

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the Grant and Impact Committee on the following criteria in order of preference: short-answer responses, recommendations from principal and pastor, and financial need. Your answers are extremely important in the evaluation process.

#### **Each application for a scholarship MUST include:**

1. Completed online application form
2. Two online recommendations
  1. Current pastor or pastor at desired school
  2. Principal of the desired school

### 12. Are the pastor and principal recommendations mandatory to receive scholarships?

Yes. The questions for the pastor and principal will be available for the student to send directly through our scholarship program. Detailed pastor and principal responses are *critical* in helping our Grant and Impact Committee evaluate applications. Your application will not be considered "Complete" in the system until your pastor and principal have completed their portion of the questions.

### 13. What is each scholarship award amount?

Scholarship grants will be awarded in various amounts based on need, up to \$5,000. The Foundation's *Grant and Impact Committee* shall, in its discretion, determine the number and amount of each scholarship grant based on the availability of funds.

### 14. Are these scholarships renewable every year?

No, these scholarships are awarded only for the upcoming school year. Students will need to reapply next year to qualify for an award.



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### 15. **How and when do I receive the scholarship funds?**

An awarded scholarship is paid directly to the school you designate – you do not need to worry about coordinating or transferring any funds. The Catholic Foundation of Michigan staff will coordinate with your school in September to process the transfer.

### 16. **Can I apply this year if I already received a scholarship award last year?**

Yes, if you receive a nomination email inviting you to apply, please submit an application.

### Application Specific Questions

### 17. **Is there a translated version of the application?**

There is a feature directly on the platform to view the application questions in Spanish. To enable this, click on the Google logo on the upper left corner of the application page that says, “Select Language” to select the language of your choice. Responses in Spanish are accepted.

### 18. **Approximately how long will the application take to complete?**

This varies, student to student. Most of the time spent will be on the short-answer questions. There are 2-3 short-answer questions for students (each requiring a paragraph response) and three short answer questions for parents. On average, the entire application should take no longer than one hour to complete.

### 19. **What if my child is too young to answer the student questions?**

If your child is in grades K-4, you are encouraged to have a conversation with them about the question and submit the response on their behalf. For children in grades 5-8, please allow the child to write and provide their own answer.

### 20. **Do I have to complete my application all at once?**

At the bottom of the application is a “Save Application” button. We recommend you save your application often and before logging out. You can log in at a later time to continue working on your application. We recommend that you cut and paste your application answers after each question into a Microsoft Word document to save as backup.

### 21. **Why are there character limits to the application questions?**

There are limits on the amount of text you can submit. You will see a character counter displayed below the entry field. This will actively tell you how many characters you have entered and will let you know when you are approaching the limit.



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**22. Can I preview all of the application questions before I create an account?**

Please contact Christina Shabo by calling 248-204-0332, ext 4.

**23. What if my principal or pastor has not submitted their portion of the application?**

Please contact Christina Shabo by calling 248-204-0332, ext 4.

**24. How can I donate to a scholarship fund or create my own fund?**

Click [here](#) to learn more about how you can give the gift of Catholic education. You can also give directly to any fund at the Catholic Foundation, including the St. Anne Scholars and St. Martin de Porres scholarship funds by clicking [here](#).

**25. How do I learn more about the Catholic Foundation of Michigan?**

The Catholic Foundation of Michigan would love to hear from you. Please contact our team by emailing Christina Shabo at [Christina@CatholicFoundationMichigan.org](mailto:Christina@CatholicFoundationMichigan.org) or visit our website: [www.CatholicFoundationMichigan.org](http://www.CatholicFoundationMichigan.org).