



The Catholic Education Endowment Trust

Providing opportunities for scholarship assistance in the various ministries of Catholic Education within the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

The Annual Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence

Application for the
2023-2024 School Year

Ten (10) \$3,500 High School Scholarships

Twenty (20) \$1,200 Elementary School scholarships

The Catholic Education Endowment Trust (CEET) was established in 1976 by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland to promote Catholic education, provide support for religious programs, and to offer tuition aid and scholarships to families with financial need who desired a Catholic education for their children. As part of this initiative, CEET started the *Bishops' Scholarship* to encourage *Excellence* in Catholic education.

Guidelines/Criteria

- The family is required to complete a **FACTS Grant and Aid** application for 2023-2024 to determine need; <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>
- If a family has more than one child applying for the *Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence*, a separate application must be completed for each child.
- The completed Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence application should include:

1. An essay written by the student, typed and double-spaced using traditional font, such as Times New Roman, Ariel, Cambria, or Calibri in 12pt, with 1-inch margins and a minimum of two pages/maximum of three pages, on one of the following topics:

The Eucharist

In order to renew our love for the Holy Eucharist, the Diocese of Cleveland, along with many other dioceses, is engaging in a Eucharistic Revival over the next three years. In your own words, explain what it means to be a Eucharistic person, and then give two detailed examples that illustrate how you or others in your life have exemplified being Eucharistic people.

The Synod

Synodality means journeying together as the people of God and listening to each person as a member of the Church in order to understand how God might be speaking to all of us. Pope Francis has asked all people to join in a two-year process of sharing, reflecting, and listening to each other and the Holy Spirit. In a clear, well-developed essay, explain the communal role that you think all Christians play in living out God's call for his people, referencing people in your life who have contributed to your understanding of living out God's call through their words or actions. Then give two specific examples of how you personally have tried to live out God's call in your life.

2. The student's academic transcript or current report card attached.
 3. A brief written recommendation e.g., from a teacher, guidance counselor, or a parish staff member (not a family member) on page 4.
 4. Principal comments and the principal's signature on page 5.
- Return applications to your school office.
 - Principals must submit all applications to the Office of Catholic Education by March 15, 2023.
 - Winners will be notified by mail in early May/2023. A copy of the letter will also be sent to the student's principal

Completed applications are to be mailed to: The Office of Catholic Education

**Attn: Cindy Williams
1404 East 9th Street
Cleveland, OH 44114**

Application for the Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence

Student-Applicant:

Date _____

Last Name

First Name

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student's Grade in 2023-2024 _____ FACTS Grant & Aid application ID#: _____

School Student Currently Attends: _____

If 8th grade student, enter high school planning to attend and the school's address:

High School: _____

Address: _____

List any extracurricular activities you are involved in at school, at your parish, or in your community. Feel free to list any additional personal factors including leadership or notable achievements:

*Please use another sheet if you need more space to write.

Principal Comments: (please print)

***Please verify that this application is accurately completed and that all documentation is included and paper clipped together, No Staples Please:**

Application

Student's essay (verify that guidelines were followed)

Academic Transcript/or most recent report card

Recommendation

Principal Comments

****If you choose to email applications, please be sure to scan the pages as double-sided, to prevent missing pages.**

Principal's Signature

Date