



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
2024-2025 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 2024-2023 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 the following topic:

Sadly, our world is full of violence and in need of the peace and love of Christ. The Church offers two ways of loving our neighbor: through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The corporal works of mercy are acts of love for the physical needs of people (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, etc.), while the spiritual works of mercy are acts of love for souls (counsel the doubtful, admonish the sinner, comfort the sorrowful, etc.). Explain how you personally have shared that love with people in need around the world experiencing pain and loss from violence, hatred, or war by giving one example of a corporal work of mercy you have performed and one example of a spiritual work of mercy you have performed.

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, 2024.
 - Winners will be notified by mail in early May/2024. 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 2024-2025 _____ 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.

