

ELIGIBILITY

All seventh and eight grade students may apply for a financial award through the scholarship foundation. The Southside Scholarship Foundation provides scholars from the southside of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs financial assistance to attend the Chicagoland area's private grammar school institutions and Marist High School. The foundation seeks to assist students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, a commitment to athletics and extracurricular activities, service to their community and exceptional character. Recipients of a grammar school scholarship may attend any private grammar school in the Chicagoland area. Recipients of an award to attend high school must attend Marist High School in Chicago.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria: academic performance, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities and community service, letters of recommendation, and financial need. The final award recipient(s) may be determined by an interview process.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (read before beginning the application process)

Please complete the application with type written responses by downloading the application form from the Online Forms page. Place your type written response below each question in regular 12 point Times New Roman font. The application is designed in Microsoft Word format.

A separate letter of recommendation form will also need to be downloaded from the Online Forms page and distributed to two applicant references. Please be sure to download and print two forms. The letters may be from a teacher, counselor, community service leader, coach, or mentor. One letter of recommendation must be from a teacher. The recommendation cannot come from a family member. Each letter should include how long the reference has known the applicant and in what context he or she has known the applicant. The letter should explain the applicant's greatest strength, character, and why the applicant is deserving of an award. The letter should be less than one page and should be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelop. Remember to contact your references early in the application process.

These letters of recommendation should be received in a sealed envelope and enclosed in the completed, single application packet. Once the application is complete, please print the document in its entirety, along with all requested certified transcripts (ex. most recent academic year's report cards, most recent Terra Nova or standardized test scores), and mail to the Foundation address by the deadline date. Please secure all materials with a paper clip and mail in a full size envelope. **Do not** staple. If you have questions about the application process, contact the foundation by email at info@southsidescholarshipfoundation.org.

AMOUNT OF THE AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

Each grammar school award shall be in the amount of \$500 and will be payable directly to the academic institution. Each high school award shall be in the amount of \$1000 and will payable directly to Marist High School in the name of the recipient. Applicants that receive an award to attend grammar school will be required to reapply for the award when entering their freshman year of high school. Once a high school student is chosen for the scholarship they must meet certain requirements to maintain the award. If the recipient continues to meet the requirements for the award, the award will be granted for all four years of high school.

In order to maintain the scholarship, the recipient must maintain a cumulative B average or above. The recipient must submit his or her final school certified transcripts at the conclusion of the completed academic year. The recipient must also maintain involvement in extracurricular/community activities. If these requirements are not met, the recipient will forfeit his or her scholarship.

The deadline for this year's applications will be posted on the distributed scholarship flyer or can be requested at your grammar school's guidance or principal's office.