



2018-2019 Continuum Scholarship Overview

Program Summary

The Continuum Scholarship Program at the Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) will provide up to 5 scholarships of \$5,000 each, or the full cost of tuition (whichever is less), to financially in-need, academically motivated, and service oriented rising 7th graders. These students must be currently enrolled in a K-8 Catholic school in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston (RCAB) and have attended Catholic schools for the last two consecutive years.

Scholarships are guaranteed for 7th and 8th grade at the elementary school where students are currently enrolled. The \$5,000 scholarships then transfers to the students' Catholic high school of choice in RCAB (if accepted independently by the high school's admissions process). The scholarship is guaranteed at \$5,000 for four additional years as long as the students remain enrolled in the school and continue to demonstrate financial need each year.

The Continuum Scholarship will replace the students' current support provided by CSF through the General Scholarship, Recruitment/Retention scholarship, HRI/NIS program. The scholarship is not in addition to any current scholarships and will be guaranteed at the same level for six years provided the student remain enrolled and maintain academic performance and reporting requirements.

Scholarship Profile

- 7th Grade Student 2018-2019 School Year
 - Currently enrolled in a K-8 Catholic school in RCAB
 - Attended Catholic schools for the last two consecutive years
- Financially In-Need
 - Low to Medium Income (Total Family Income of \$20K per capita or less)
 - Have demonstrated financial need through FACTS
 - FACTS application must be verified by June 29, 2018
- Academically Motivated
 - Recommended by principal and teachers for academic potential and motivation
 - Receives high effort marks
 - Completes all class work
 - Goes above and beyond
- Service Oriented
 - Volunteers regularly for school, community, and church events
 - Initiates projects to improve school, community and/or church
 - Is recognized by peers and teachers as a leader

Nomination Process

- All RCAB Catholic elementary school principals are invited to nominate up to two current 6th graders with demonstrated financial need. Students do not have to be current CSF Scholarship recipients.
- Nominees should meet the scholarship profile outline above.
- Principal nomination forms and applications will be available on FluidReview on **March 1, 2018**
- Nomination forms and applications are due **March 15** via SurveyMonkey Apply with the following:
 - Principal Nomination Form
 - Student Personal Statement
 - Teacher Recommendation Letter (addressing student academic potential and motivation)
 - Most Recent Standardized Tests Scores
 - Most Recent Report Card
 - Recent Student Photo

Selection Process

- A selection committee will review applications the week of **March 19, 2018** and select the finalists;
- Nominees will be notified whether they have been selected for interviews **March 28, 2018**;
- The selection committee will interview students on **April 4, 2018** at the CSF office;
- Elementary schools will be notified of Continuum Scholarship by **April 9, 2018**.

Scholarship Timeline

- **March 1:** Applications available on FluidReview
- **March 15:** Application deadline
- **March 28:** Schools notified of finalist
- **April 4:** Student interviews at CSF Offices
- **April 9:** Schools and students notified

Expectations of Continuum Scholars

- Students chosen for this scholarship should be named PL scholar at their grade school for their 7th and 8th grade years and attend the PL Scholars event each year.
- Students must maintain a cumulative average that equates to an 80% or higher. Mid-year and final report cards may be requested by CSF along with a summary of students' activities and school/community involvement.
- If a student withdraws or loses eligibility for any reason, the scholarship is rescinded and the Catholic Schools Foundation must be notified in writing as to the reason.