

## *Nova Scholarships Overview*

*New Opportunities for Vital Awards (Nova) scholarship program that allows select schools to apply on behalf of individual, in-need students to receive guaranteed scholarship support from the Catholic Schools Foundation in order to increase access to Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston.*

**Scholarship Recipient Criteria** – *A student granted aid through Nova will be a recruitment or retention scholarship recipient. This is a student:*

- whose life is impacted significantly by a Catholic education,
- is unable to attend a Catholic school without financial assistance,
- has an average total family income of approximately \$44,000 or less for a family of four,
- receives an award that significantly contributes to the family's financial obligation (approximately \$2,000 or more).

### **Application Process**

- Application will open via [SurveyMonkey Apply](#) on the first calendar week of each month in April-September (provided available funding)
- A school official must apply on behalf of a student meeting the above criteria
- Before an application can be submitted, the student must have a verified application or an application with "Does Not File" (DNF) status in FACTS Grant & Aid. Please make sure the DNF applications document any family income.
- Decision will be emailed before the third Friday of each month.
- If funding is no longer available, CSF will notify the schools before the next Nova application round opens.

### **If Granted a Scholarship**

- The scholarship is guaranteed each year the student is enrolled at the school and continues to qualify for aid through FACTS.
- If a student withdraws or transfers from your school or no longer qualifies for financial assistance, this money is no longer available to your school or the student.
- The student and his/her award should be added to a Recruitment or Retention Fund in FACTS Grant & Aid.
- All CSF grant criteria, grant deadlines, and fund definitions will apply (see following pages).