



Old St Mary's Scholarship Resources

Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Programs

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Big Shoulder Fund

“Students come from every corner of Chicago and they represent the diversity of the city: Nearly 80 percent of students identify as Black or Hispanic, 30 percent are not Catholic, and 70 percent reside in low-income households. At Big Shoulders, our mission is clear: to provide students access to a quality, values-based education that helps them reach their potential” (Big Shoulders Fund).



Big Shoulder Fund

- To apply click [HERE](#)
- Please contact the principal of your local BSF to discuss scholarship eligibility and the application process.

- Schools included are:

- Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School
- Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
- Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep
- De La Salle Institute
- DePaul College Prep High School
- St. Francis de Sales High School*
- Holy Trinity High School
- Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart
- Leo Catholic High School
- Mount Carmel High School
- Our Lady of Tepeyac High School
- St. Rita of Cascia High School



LINK

What does it mean to be a LINK Scholar?

“LINK Scholars complete a four-year fellowship that is advanced through one-on-one mentoring. The program elements include Academic Enrichment, Leadership Development, Career Exposure, and College Access. In addition to the following Eligibility Requirements, see the Application Timeline and Scholar Application FAQs for our Scholar standards” (LINK).



LINK

- Applications are typically due in mid-Winter
- To apply: Visit each school's website or call them directly to learn more about the school's application process.

To view FAQ click [HERE](#)

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Student must be a Black 8th grade student with a demonstrated financial need. For more clarity on how financial need is determined, see the FAQs below.
2. Student must reside in the Chicagoland area and plan to attend a LINK Unlimited Scholars partner school or other CPS Selective Enrollment High School.
3. Competitive candidates are confident communicators who are highly motivated, focused, and involved in school and community; desire mentoring; and are college-bound. We seek candidates with strong academic records.



HighSight

“The mission of HighSight is to award scholarships to students who attend the private high school of their choice. HighSight's goal is to challenge students academically and socially to meet the demands of high school and prepare them to succeed in college” (HighSight).



HighSight

- HighSight awards partial, four-year scholarships for eighth-graders to attend private high schools in Chicago. HighSight also provides academic and social support to prepare its students to enroll in the best college possible.
- Class of 2028 applications will be available February 2024.

Four-Year Program Eligibility Requirements

- Currently be in the 8th grade and live in Chicago
- Live in a household that exhibits financial need - income below \$60,000
- Take the entrance exam and be accepted to the private high school of your choice
- Apply for financial aid from the private high school once accepted
- Attend HighSight's five-week Freshman Summer Program starting in July
- Participate in HighSight's Academic Enrichment/Tutoring Sessions two days a week during the school year
- Participate in HighSight's summer programs throughout high school and be willing to enroll in the best college possible

Submit a scholarship application and supporting information



The Madonna Foundation

“The Madonna Scholars Program awards scholarships to female students of all faiths who demonstrate financial need and a desire for academic success. We are the only scholarship organization in the Chicago region focusing exclusively on women’s secondary education.

As students from first-generation and minority backgrounds, our scholars face barriers. The Madonna Foundation’s programming helps them overcome these barriers and acquire the confidence, critical skills and competencies needed for success in high school, college and beyond” (Madonna Foundation).



Madonna Foundation

- Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply
- Applications will open in February 2024

Before completing the online portion of the application, please be sure you meet the following requirements:

- Our partner high schools include Josephinum Academy, Resurrection High School, Trinity High School, Regina Dominican, Our Lady of Tepeyac and Mother McAuley High School.
- Our income requirement for applicants is \$15,000 per person in the family per year or less.
- **Applicants must complete a school financial aid application through their high school.**



Daniel Murphy Scholarship

“The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund (DMSF) unlocks educational opportunities for talented Chicago-area students facing financial need. DMSF partners with Scholars, families and schools through high school and beyond by providing scholarships, academic programs and personal support so that each Scholar can reach their potential” (Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund).



Daniel Murphy Scholarship

- To apply click [HERE](#)
- TIME SENSITIVE: The application closes October 1st

- 8th grade applicants who demonstrate financial need as well as academic and leadership potential are the best candidates for a Murphy scholarship. Applicants must live in the Chicagoland area or Lake County to be eligible for the scholarship.



Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund

Partner Day Schools

- [Beacon Academy](#)
- [Chicago Academy for the Arts](#)
- [Chicago Hope Academy](#)
- [Chicago Waldorf School](#)
- [Christ the King Jesuit](#)
- [Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S.](#)
- [DeLaSalle Institute](#)
- [DePaul College Prep](#)
- [Fenwick High School](#)
- [Francis W. Parker School](#)
- [Holy Trinity](#)
- [Ida Crown Jewish Academy](#)
- [The Latin School of Chicago](#)
- [Loyola Academy](#)

- [The Lycee Francais de Chicago](#)
- [Marian Catholic](#)
- [Marist High School](#)
- [Morgan Park Academy](#)
- [Nazareth Academy](#)
- [North Shore Country Day School](#)
- [Providence St. Mel School](#)
- [Roycemore School](#)
- [St. Ignatius College Prep](#)
- [St. Laurence High School](#)
- [The University of Chicago Laboratory School](#)
- [Wolcott College Prep](#)

Boys' Schools

- [Brother Rice](#)
- [Mount Carmel High School](#)
- [Northridge Prep School](#)
- [Notre Dame College Prep](#)
- [St. Patrick High School](#)
- [St. Rita of Cascia High School](#)

Girls' Schools

- [Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov High School](#)
- [Josephinum Academy](#)
- [Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School](#)
- [Regina Dominican High School](#)
- [Trinity High School](#)
- [The Willows Academy](#)



HFS Chicago Scholars

“HFS Chicago Scholars helps underserved Chicago high school students flourish in and out of the classroom by providing educational enrichment through our lifelong mentoring, college readiness and academic excellence programs, as well as providing financial assistance to attend top Chicago-area schools” (HSF Scholars).

HFS Provides:

- Financial assistance to attend top Chicago private high schools
- Academic Directors dedicated to each high school class and one-on-one mentors
- Four-year written commitment specifying performance expectations
- College visits, selection, and admissions support



HFS Chicago Scholars

- Click [HERE](#) to apply

Basic requirements are as follows:

- Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above (B average or above for 7th and 8th grades)
- Average to above-average standardized test scores, i.e. TerraNova, ITBS, ISAT, or Other scores (from seventh grade or most recent test scores)
- Evidence of leadership potential
- Evidence of positive academic work ethic
- Demonstration of financial need (family income must be less than \$55,000 to apply—if extenuating circumstances, please note this in your application.)

