



## I. Academic Scholarships

Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School will award a number of merit-based scholarships to incoming freshman students for the 2012-2013 academic year who demonstrate a record of academic excellence, leadership, and strong character in their middle-school years. Financial need is not considered in this scholarship. Receiving an academic scholarship does not disqualify a family for applying for financial aid.

### Criteria for an Academic Scholarship:

- ✓ Grades in core academic subjects are to be A-average or better for the entirety of 7<sup>th</sup> grade and through the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 8<sup>th</sup> grade (when applications and scholarships are evaluated).
- ✓ Students must mark Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School as their “first choice” on the High School Admissions and Placement Test (HSAPT). (See [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org) for test dates)
- ✓ The HSAPT score must be in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher.
- ✓ The student must receive an outstanding recommendation from an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher or principal. Recommendations forms are part of the standard admissions process.

### To apply for an Academic Scholarship:

1. A completed Admissions application package is due on or before January 24, 2012. A completed Admissions application package includes the application, records, and recommendations as outlined on the Admissions page of our web site: [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org).
2. A 500 - 1000 word essay about a current ethical, moral, spiritual or social issue that impacts the human person, including a personal reflection on how you and other young people can be part of the good that is happening in our world, or part of the solution to fix what is wrong.
3. A cover sheet to include the following information: Full name; home address; name of parent or guardian; e-mail address; phone number; current school; current parish/church; name of the scholarship you are applying for (in this case: Pope John Paul the Great Academic Scholarship); and, the title of your essay.

## II. Need-based Scholarships

A limited number of need-based scholarships are available each year. A student who is awarded financial aid may also earn a need-based scholarship. A completed financial aid application must be submitted by the parent/guardian no later than January 24, 2012.

In addition to demonstrating financial need, academic performance, test scores, and recommendations will be considered when evaluating scholarship applications.

### To apply for a Need-based Scholarship:

#### Students:

1. Submit a typed 300-800 word personal reflection on how you will make a difference to the community at Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School. Include information about your interests, community service activities, and personal faith life.
2. Include a cover sheet with the following information: Full name; home address; name of parent or guardian; e-mail address; phone number; current school; current parish/church.

#### Parents:

For your child to qualify for a need-based scholarship, your FACTS tuition aid application must be completed and submitted (including the transmission of supporting documentation, per application instructions) no later than Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Tuition Aid applications should be completed online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). You will be asked for our ZIP code as part of the application process. It is 22026.

## III. Application Deadline

### (for all scholarship applications)

All submissions must be mailed or hand delivered to the school. No e-mail submissions will be accepted. Deadline for scholarship consideration is 3:30pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. No exceptions. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail concurrently with the Admissions decision letters sent by the Office of Admissions on February 24, 2012.

For information on admission to Pope John Paul the Great, please visit [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org).