



## Scholarship Opportunities 2019-20

### I. Academic Scholarships

We will award **merit-based scholarships** to incoming freshmen for the 2019-20 academic year who **demonstrate a record of academic excellence, leadership and strong character** in their middle-school years. Financial need is not considered for these scholarships. Receiving an academic scholarship does not disqualify a family from applying for financial aid. Two different types of awards: a one-time award and a renewable award.

#### Criteria for an Academic Scholarship:

- Grades in core academic subjects are to be an A- (90%) average or better for the entirety of 7<sup>th</sup> grade and through the first trimester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students must mark JP the Great (code: 77) as “first choice” on the High School Placement Test (HSPT)
- The HSPT national percentage score must be 90% percentile or higher.
- Stellar recommendations from 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and principal; the recommendations are used for the admissions application are the same ones used for scholarship applications.

#### To apply for an Academic Scholarship:

- 1) Apply for admission to JP the Great by **January 11, 2019**. Records and recommendations must arrive no later than **Feb 4, 2019**.
- 2) Submit a typed, 500-1000 word essay about a current ethical, moral, spiritual, or social issue that impacts the human person. In the essay, include a personal reflection on how you and other young people can be part of the solution to improve the world.
- 3) **Include a cover sheet with the following information:** full name, home address, name of parent or guardian, email address, phone number, current school, current parish/church, word-count, “Academic Scholarship” as the scholarship for which you are applying, and the title of your essay.

### II. Need-Based Scholarships

A limited number of need-based scholarships are available each year to incoming freshmen. A student eligible for financial aid may also earn a need-based scholarship. A completed **financial aid application must be submitted via FACTS by the parent/guardian no later than Jan. 22, 2019**; all supporting documents must be received by Feb. 4, 2019.

#### To apply for a Need-Based Scholarship: Students:

- 1) Submit a typed 300-800 word personal reflection on how you will make a difference at Saint John Paul the Great. Include information about your interests, community service activities, and faith-life.
- 2) Include a cover sheet with the following information: full name, home address, name of parent or guardian, email address, phone number, current school, current parish/church, word-count, “Need-Based Scholarship” as the scholarship for which you are applying, and the title of your essay.

**Parents:** For your child to qualify for a need-based scholarship, your FACTS application must be **completed and submitted no later than Jan 22, 2019**. All supporting documentation, per the application instructions, must be received by **Feb 4, 2019**. **You may use 2017 taxes if your 2018 taxes are not submitted yet.**

### III. Scholarship Application Deadline and Submission for all

**All submissions must be mailed or hand-delivered to the School to arrive by 3:00pm on Jan 11, 2019. No email or FAX submissions will be accepted. *There are no exceptions to this deadline.* Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail with the Admissions decision letters mailed on Feb 22, 2019.**