

Evaluation Criteria for Awarding the St. Nicholas Academy Scholarships

We seek to award scholarships to candidates who are performing well academically **AND** who demonstrate character in their life.

This year, the SNA PTO is sponsoring a competition for two scholarships of \$500 each. Scholarships are for students who are current eighth graders of St. Nicholas Academy.

Criteria

1. We will give scholarships based on:

- creativity, mission mindedness, or acts of kindness
- spiritual mindedness
- leadership
- academic performance
- heart for learning
- activities and interests

As for your submission, we are also looking at your overall presentation. We review and evaluate:

- Your spelling
- Your grammar
- Your vigor of expression and your passion for your topic
- Your neatness

We evaluate your submission fully in all of these areas.

Complete the application and be sure you include where noted:

- (1) A list of your Extracurricular Activities.** We are not looking for the number of activities, but the variety, balance, depth, and overall significance of these activities.
- (2) Submit two reference letters** with at MOST 2 pages, single-spaced, 12-point type (may be less, such as double-spaced, etc.) from parents, pastors, leaders in programs you've been involved in [Scouts, 4-H, Athletics], etc. that confirm your involvement in the activities you've listed and that, to the extent possible, attest to your unique contributions in these areas. These letters should further attest to your creativeness, mission mindedness, or acts of kindness.

NOTES:

These letters should not be mere "character reference" letters. They should attest to specific contributions you have made, specific activities you have engaged in, specific achievements that you have made.

We only need one letter attesting to your contributions in any one activity. In other words, for example, if you're going to send us letters from two coaches, make sure they speak about different aspects of your participation.

The best letter will describe specific contributions you have made and/or specific observations that your reference has seen that demonstrate the contributions to which s/he is referring.

(3) Future Plans: Submit a personal essay with at LEAST 2 pages (but no more than 3 pages), double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman type along these lines:

- What I want to do with my life
- Why I want to go to a Catholic High School
- Why I want to go to the High School that you chose

COMMENTS:

(4) Scholarship Photograph: Submit a photograph with your application. Your photograph will not be given to the application review board and, therefore, will not be used in the application review process for selecting scholarship winners. However, photographs of the scholarship winners only will be used to announce the winners after they have been selected.

(5) Assignment of Rights & Consent to Publish Scholarship Information: Sign and submit the Assignment of Rights and Consent to Publish Scholarship Information form included with the application. By signing this form, you give us the right to publish your photograph(s) and basic information regarding your past accomplishments and future plans in the event you are a scholarship winner.

Deadline: For scholarships for the school year beginning in 2018, all submissions listed above must be submitted to the PTO NO LATER THAN Wednesday, May 16, 2018. We will announce the winners at 8th grade graduation.

Questions: If you have any questions regarding your submission or criteria, please email pto@stnacademy.org.

Click for the [Application Form.](#)