

St. Francis Xavier Award of Xcellence



Traditionally, St. Xavier High School has recognized academic competence with financial awards for incoming freshman, based on outstanding performance on the High School Placement Test (HSPT). Since the HSPT is not taking place this year, and, with our commitment to being open to growth, we have decided to expand our recognition of excellence.

For the class of 2025, St. Xavier High School is pleased to announce the creation of the St. Francis Xavier Xcellence Award. These scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshmen who exemplify the school's "Graduate at Graduation" qualities: *Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, Religious, Loving and Committed to Doing Justice* (you can read more about our educational mission at <https://www.stxavier.org/about/mission-beliefs/graduate-at-graduation>.) To be clear, these are not and cannot be athletic scholarships. According to the Ohio High School Athletic Association, "Activities that are not permissible and shall be considered recruiting include...providing financial aid based on athletic ability." While leadership or activity in athletics can be a factor in determining these awards, athletic ability will not be.

Xcellence Award recipients will be awarded up to \$3,000 toward their 2021 – 2022 tuition. The awards will be determined by a student's complete application and through an essay and interview. The writing prompt will be published on November 1st, and the student essay response will be due on December 1st. Winners of the St. Xavier Award of Xcellence will be notified January 13, 2021.