



## ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

# Merit-Based Freshman Scholarship Opportunities

Each scholarship requires an application, plus other criteria as noted below. This information is also available online at [www.stdominichs.org/scholarships](http://www.stdominichs.org/scholarships). Applications are due March 15 and recipients will be notified May 10. Each incoming freshman may apply for up to two merit-based scholarships. Only registered incoming students with registration fee paid in full are eligible to apply for scholarships.

### Composition Scholarship

**\$1,000 to three students; renewable**

- For students who excel in writing
- Applicants must submit a 1000-word essay describing: how you have developed habits for success.
- Recipients must maintain a B average or higher in English courses

### Fine Arts Scholarship

**\$1,000 to three students; renewable**

- For students who excel in fine arts
- Applicants must submit a short essay indicating their involvement in fine arts or a sample of their work (art project, video recording, etc.)
- Recipients must annually enroll in a related class or student organization

### First Responder Family Scholarship

**\$1,000 to three students; renewable**

- For children of police officers, firefighters or paramedics
- Applicants must indicate their family member's line of duty
- Applicants must submit a short essay discussing what having a parent who is a first responder means to them

### Leadership Scholarship

**\$1,500 to two students; renewable**

- For students who have demonstrated leadership throughout elementary school
- Principal letter of recommendation required
- Applicants must submit a short essay detailing leadership roles
- Renewable for students who remain in good standing at St. Dominic

### Legacy Scholarship

(formerly Alumni Scholarship)

**\$500 to five students; renewable**

- For students who are the child or grandchild of St. Dominic alumni (must detail relationship)
- Applicants must submit a short essay discussing what becoming a member of the St. Dominic community means to them
- Recipients must complete 10 hours of service per year at St. Dominic events

### Military Family Scholarship

**\$1,000 to two students; renewable**

- For children of veterans or active/reserve members of the armed forces
- Applicants must attach a list of all family members who served in the military.
- Applicants must submit a short essay discussing an experience their family member had while serving our country

### Outstanding Service Scholarship

**\$1,000 to four students; renewable**

- For students who have displayed a history of serving others
- Annual requirement of performing 40 Christian Service Program service hours per school year (15+ hours beyond standard 25-hour requirement; accrue June 1-May 31)
- Applicants must submit a one-page essay detailing their service history

### Robotics Scholarship

**\$1,000 to two students; renewable**

- For students actively involved in robotics teams
- Applicants must submit a short essay detailing their involvement in robotics
- Robotics instructor letter of recommendation recommended
- Recipients must participate in St. Dominic High School's robotics or engineering programs

### STEM Scholarship

**\$1,000 to four students; renewable**

- For students who excel in any combination of science, technology, engineering and/or math
- Applicants must submit a short essay detailing their involvement in STEM
- Teacher letter of recommendation required
- Recipients must maintain a B average or higher in STEM courses

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### Academic Scholarship (Academic Scholarship is included in addition to the two merit-based scholarship choices.)

**\$1,500 to 12 students; renewable**

- "A" average (no more than one B) final report card in seventh grade and first quarter in eighth grade
- Awarded to top 12 scoring students on St. Dominic placement test
- Good attendance and discipline report

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### For more information

Please visit [www.stdominichs.org/scholarships](http://www.stdominichs.org/scholarships) or contact Mrs. Sandy Sachs at [ssachs@stdominichs.org](mailto:ssachs@stdominichs.org) or (636) 240-8303 ext. 116.



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# Need-Based Scholarships and Tuition Assistance

*St. Dominic High School is committed to making a quality Catholic education possible for all families, regardless of financial situation. Because we recognize that tuition is a significant investment for many families, the following programs are available to assist qualifying applicants with tuition costs.*

## Need-Based Scholarships

### Dominican Scholarship

**\$500 to six students; renewable**

- Need-based; for incoming freshmen; renewable
- Applicants must submit a one-page essay explaining how they embrace one of the four Pillars of St. Dominic: Prayer, Study, Community or Service
- Recipients must complete 10 hours of service per year at St. Dominic events

### Dolly Reller Scholarship

**\$750 to one student**

- Need-based; open to grades 9-12
- For students from a single-parent home

### Amy E. Dickherber Memorial Scholarship

**\$1,000 to eight students (two per grade)**

- Need-based; open to grades 9-12
- For students who are actively involved in school, parish and community activities
- Applicants must submit a short essay responding to a letter from the Dickherber family

### Michael J. Summers Memorial Scholarship

**\$2,500; renewable for up to four years**

- Need-based; for African American incoming freshmen; renewable. (See page 5 for all criteria.)
- Maintain a 3.25 GPA or higher and participate in 2 or more extracurricular activities in order to renew each year.
- Applicants must submit a short essay outlining their desire to attend St. Dominic and their commitment to involvement in activities, service and spiritual pillars.

## St. Dominic Tuition Assistance

### Tuition Assistance

- St. Dominic High School offers approximately \$600,000 each year to families in all grades who demonstrate financial need through the SMART Aid assessment process
- Tuition assistance is available *in addition to* St. Dominic scholarships

### Summer Work Program

- Qualifying students in grades 9-12 may participate in a three-week summer work program to offset tuition costs
- Limited number of spaces available
- Application available online

## Archdiocesan Programs

### Archdiocesan Scholarships and Assistance

- Alive in Christ Scholarship Program
- Beyond Sunday Scholarship Program
- Catholic Family Tuition Assistance Program
- Parish Employee Endowment Fund

### Catholic Elementary Teacher/Administrator Scholarship

- One child at SDHS – \$500
- Two children at SDHS – \$900
- Three children at SDHS – \$1,200
- Forms available from elementary principal or parish priest

### For more information

Please visit [www.stdominichs.org/tuition](http://www.stdominichs.org/tuition) or contact Mrs. Sandy Sachs at [ssachs@stdominichs.org](mailto:ssachs@stdominichs.org) or (636) 240-8303 ext. 116.





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# Freshman Scholarship Application - Class of 2025

Each scholarship requires an application, plus additional criteria indicated on the attached scholarship list. This form is also available online at [www.stdominichs.org/scholarships](http://www.stdominichs.org/scholarships). Only one application form per student is necessary. Applications are due March 15 and recipients will be notified May 10. Only registered incoming students with registration fee paid in full are eligible to apply for scholarships.

### Step I: Provide Applicant Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family \_\_\_\_\_

In which parish is your family registered? \_\_\_\_\_

School student currently attends \_\_\_\_\_

### Step II: Indicate Scholarship Selections

#### Academic Scholarship

Please select if you meet the criteria listed for St. Dominic High School's Academic Scholarship:

☐ Academic Scholarship

#### Merit-Based Scholarships

Each incoming freshman may apply for up to two of the following merit-based scholarships:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composition Scholarship            | <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Scholarship              | <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Responder Family Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Family Scholarship     | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics Scholarship  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Scholarship             | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Service Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM Scholarship      |

#### Need-Based Scholarships

Please select if you wish to apply for either of the following scholarships:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Scholarship                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dolly Reller Scholarship                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amy E. Dickherber Memorial Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael J. Summers Memorial Scholarship |

### Step III: Submit Application Materials

Applications are due by **March 15, 2021** to the following address. All application materials (indicated on the scholarship list) must be enclosed with the application form. For questions, please contact Mrs. Sandy Sachs at (636) 240-8303.

Freshman Scholarships  
St. Dominic High School  
31 St. Dominic Drive  
O'Fallon, MO 63366

Thank you for your interest in the Amy E. Dickherber Memorial Scholarship. This fund was established in Amy's memory after her sudden death in 1991, and has provided support to more than 200 students in the years since her passing. Amy was generous in spirit, kind in heart, silly in her humor and intense in her compassion. She had a gift of being able to encourage her peers to seize life, be true to their faith, and to be unabashedly empathetic and content in the things that made them unique individuals.

Amy came to St. Dominic looking for authenticity in her relationships and a way to express herself creatively; she didn't know what her circle would be but was encouraged to find it through what she loved. She ultimately found a home in the music and theater programs, in helping foster retreats for teens, being an amazing friend, and a bright soul that seemed to draw people in from wherever they were. Amy celebrated people who were not afraid to look into themselves, to be different, to be genuine. She shamelessly encouraged people to be their best selves, even if that looked a little different than what was popular. We joked that she had a good "people radar" and could sense when someone needed a friend. She was so much, in so little time, and truly left a wake of love in the life she exited so quickly and suddenly.

In her years at St. Dominic, Amy found a solid community of friends who shared her love for music, and her spirit thrived with her involvement in the choral arts as well as the spring musicals. When the new performing arts center was being built, Amy's family knew that this would be a place she would be proud to have share her name. Amy would be thrilled to have a space that fosters self-expression, creative growth, true friendship, and lifelong memories involving music, performance, art, and faith.

In her short life, Amy left an indelible mark on the world and on those who loved her, walked with her, and were privy to the love she shamelessly offered. She embraced all of those with whom she crossed paths, whether they be her truest friends or her casual acquaintances. This scholarship exists to honor her legacy: to support the educational, emotional and spiritual journeys of those who share Amy's passion for life, her quest for real personhood in a complicated world, her faith, friendship, and her love of the shared experience of fine arts.

**We invite you to share the ways fine arts and faith have touched your life, and why this scholarship speaks to you and your journey.** We celebrate your desire to be one of "Amy's Kids," and trust that you understand that if chosen, we will pray for you, support you, cheer for you, and wish the absolute best for you both in your years at St. Dominic and throughout your future.

Very best wishes, always,

Amy's Family

George Dickherber, '71

Pat Dickherber, '69

Jennifer (Dickherber) Stachula, '94

Chris Dickherber, '96

Name: Michael J Summers Memorial Scholarship for the Inclusion of African American Students

Amount: \$2500, Renewable for up to 4 years

Objective: Strengthen the St Dominic School Community through increasing enrollment of African American Students who seek to embrace all that the school community has to offer. Candidates must be a member of a family new to St Dominic High School, with a track record demonstrating a balance of academics and extracurricular activities along with a commitment to service and growing spiritually. Applicants must be ready to embrace strengthening our school through their contributions during their tenure at St. Dominic High School.

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Demonstrated strong academic performance in Elementary School
2. Demonstrated history of extracurricular activities
3. Essay (250-500 words) outlining desire to go to St Dominic and your commitment to involvement in the activities, service and spiritual pillars of St Dominic
4. Letter of Recommendation from your current Principal or Teacher
5. Letter of Recommendation from Coach/Teacher/Moderator of extracurricular activities

Criteria to Renew:

1. Maintain a GPA of 3.25 or higher
2. Participation in 2 or more extracurricular activities,
3. Stay current on required service
4. Be an active participant in spiritual growth

Financial Need will be considered in the selection process