



**De La Salle**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# The Bishop John S. Cummins Scholarship Program

## Our Lasallian Commitment to Financial Aid

When Saint John Baptist de La Salle founded the Christian Brothers' schools in 17th-century France, he set out to create a Christian educational system devoted to providing an accessible and comprehensive education, with a focused commitment to the children of the poor. Today this mission is carried out by more than 100,000 Lasallian educators in educational institutions throughout the world.

At De La Salle High School, one of the ways we accomplish our Lasallian mission to serve the poor is through an intentional commitment to our extensive financial aid program. **For the 2024-25 school year, over \$4.5 million was awarded to families with varying levels of financial need, with aid going to 38 percent of our students.**

All Lasallian schools in the District of San Francisco New Orleans are responding to a mandate that at least five percent of our student bodies be from families whose income does not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level--the income level that would qualify a student for the Federal Reduced Lunch Program. At De La Salle, we use 300 percent of the federal poverty level due to the Bay Area cost of living. In 2024, this would mean a family of four making \$96,450 or less.

To serve such families, De La Salle High School established the Bishop John S. Cummins Scholarship Program. This program is a tribute to the Bishop Emeritus of Oakland who is an affiliated member of the Christian Brothers and is a tireless champion of Catholic education, especially for the poor and marginalized.

### Access

The Bishop Cummins Program targets high potential students from families who have expressed a strong desire to attend De La Salle but have very limited financial resources.

### Financial Support

The Bishop Cummins Program addresses the inequities in our society that often prevent low-income students from fully participating and excelling in high school. De La Salle is committed to providing the financial resources necessary to all those who qualify for admission through this program. In addition to the possibility of near full tuition assistance, additional financial support is available to ensure that students and their families can engage in all of the curricular and co-curricular opportunities De La Salle has to offer.

### Tools to Succeed

De La Salle is committed to making a difference in each student's life by providing a learning environment that emphasizes Christian values and academic excellence.

With a committed faculty, challenging academic program, comprehensive co-curricular offerings, and a dedicated Bishop Cummins Student Support Coordinator, Bishop Cummins Scholars are provided the opportunity and tools to succeed at De La Salle High School and beyond.

### Growing Need

For the 2024-25 school year, there are 58 students who are Bishop Cummins Scholars. The budgeted cost of the Bishop Cummins Program totals \$1,559,386. Of this, \$1,224,371 is reserved for tuition assistance for these qualified students, \$124,600 covers additional expenses incurred throughout the year by individual students, and \$209,415 goes to operational expenses.

By working with our generous community of donors and benefactors, we hope to ensure proportionate accessibility for a diverse student body by growing funds for our Bishop John S. Cummins Scholarship Program. While the Bishop Cummins Program is reserved for families living at the poverty level, our fundraising efforts for this program also increase our ability to answer the growing need for financial aid from families in the increasingly squeezed middle class. Every dollar that we raise for the Bishop Cummins Program will free up other dollars that can be made available to families with lesser levels of need.

### Population Served

The median household income in Contra Costa County is \$155,700 but the families we serve through the Bishop Cummins Program don't make that amount. The Bishop Cummins Program specifically targets students of these deserving families who reside within Contra Costa County including Concord (specifically the Monument Corridor and North Concord), Pittsburg, Bay Point, Antioch, and areas west of the Caldecott Tunnel including Oakland and Richmond.

The charts below show the population of the Bishop Cummins Program for the current past five school years:

<b>Bishop Cummins Scholars</b>	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Freshman	19	15	20	20	15
Sophomore	15	19	16	20	16
Junior	19	18	17	12	16
Senior	13	13	13	16	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>58</b>

<b>Ethnicity</b>	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
African-American	10	7	10	8	7
Asian/Pacific Islander	6	5	7	5	3
Caucasian	0	0	0	2	0
Hispanic	41	46	45	46	48
Multi-Racial	7	6	3	7	0
American Indian	2	1	0	0	0

<b>Residing in</b>	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Alameda County	3	0	1	1	2
Contra Costa County	59	60	61	63	55
Other	4	5	4	3	1
City of Concord	27	24	22	26	29
A Single Family Home	27	22	22	48	22

<b>Demographics</b>	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Catholic	44	43	43	50	50
English as a Second Language	26	30	31	33	36
First Generation to College	55	57	41	41	50

## Conclusion

The Bishop Cummins Program's success is based on mutual commitment. When these scholars commit themselves to achieve a college-preparatory education at De La Salle, we commit ourselves to providing the structures and the mentors that can challenge and support them.

A Bishop Cummins Scholars alumnus now in college recently said, "I realize now that everything you said was right. It was hard work in high school, but it really prepared me. College is hard – but I'm prepared."

De La Salle High School is deeply grateful to all those who continue to make the Bishop John S. Cummins Scholarship Program a vibrant reality, and we hope you will consider joining this effort to benefit future Bishop Cummins Scholars.

**For more information, contact Garth Adlao, Bishop Cummins Program Coordinator at [adlaog@dlshs.org](mailto:adlaog@dlshs.org).**

## Student Accomplishments

The Bishop John S. Cummins Scholars have demonstrated great success and continue to have great potential. We're proud of their outcomes.

<b>Academic Achievements</b>	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Cumulative Grade Point Average	3.00	3.02	3.01
Co-curricular Participation	100%	100%	100%
College Acceptance	100%	100%	100%
Colleges Accepted to	San Jose State University Saint Mary's College Diablo Valley College California State University, Sacramento San Francisco City College California State University, Monterey Bay Western Oregon University University of Michigan University of Nebraska	Vassar College California State University, Sacramento Western New Mexico University Prairie View A&M University California State University, Chico California State University, Fullerton California State University, San Francisco University of California, Davis Western Oregon University Diablo Valley College	University of California, Santa Cruz California State University, San Francisco University of California, San Diego California State University, San Jose Saint Mary's College University of California, Merced California State University, Sacramento California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo



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