Scan the QR Code to learn more about the application process.

For more information and how you can make an impact, please call April Dumas-Gray, Scholarship Manager at 331·318·5183 or visit us at www.madonnascholars.org.

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Our History

The Madonna Foundation traces its roots back to 1949 when the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago opened Madonna High School on the City's Northwest side. For more than 50 years, Madonna High School provided high quality, Catholic education. In 2001, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago transitioned their educational support from a bricks and mortar school to scholarship and programming through the newly established Madonna Scholars Program. The Madonna Scholars Program allows the legacy of the Sisters, along with the mission of Franciscan Ministries, to continue its focus on educating and empowering young women.

Our Madonna Scholars

The Madonna Foundation supports girls annually at the six remaining all-girls Catholic high schools in the Chicago area. It is the only program of its kind in Chicagoland, focusing exclusively on educating and empowering teen girls.

Madonna scholars come from a variety of Chicago-area neighborhoods and have one thing in common — the desire for a superior high school education at all-girl, Catholic high schools. They share a strong work ethic and a desire to achieve academic success, despite some of the economic and academic challenges they may face. We believe with the right support and programming each student has the potential to grow and develop during high school — forging a path to college with the promise of a bright future.

Madonna scholars are awarded multiple college scholarship offers and go on to selective colleges and universities throughout the region and nation, pursuing a variety of majors and career paths.

Our Scholarship Requirements

Please be sure you meet the following requirements:

- Apply for admission to one of our partner all-girl Catholic high schools as a freshman.
- Our income requirement for applicants is $20,000 per person in the family per year or less. For example, a family of four (4) with a total annual income of $80,000 or less would be eligible to apply; a family of four (4) with a total annual income of more than $80,000 per year would not be eligible.
- Applicants must complete a school financial aid application, through their high school, by the school due date.

Our Application Process

The online application is available February 1 – March 15.

FIRST-TIME MADONNA SCHOLAR APPLICANTS

Applications for first-time Madonna Scholar applicants must include:

- An online questionnaire to be completed by the student and an essay (limit essay to 350 words or less).
- An online questionnaire to be completed by a guardian, including financial information. The guardian will need a W2, 990 or current pay stub in order to complete this information. (Financial information will be verified with the school).
- A completed recommendation form from a current teacher or school administrator. You will need to contact this teacher and have them complete an online recommendation through the Madonna Foundation website.
- Applicants must complete a school financial aid application through their high school.
- New freshman students will need to upload a copy of their most recent 8th-grade report cards.
- High schools will provide entrance exam scores for incoming students.

Our Partner High Schools

- Josephinum Academy of the Scared Heart
- Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School
- Our Lady of Tepeyac High School
- Regina Dominican High School
- Resurrection College Prep High School
- Trinity High School

Application Checklist

- Completed Student Information
- Completed Guardian and Parent Information
- Financial Information and Documentation from Parent/Guardian
- Student Information and Questionnaire Form
- Essay from Student
- 8th Grade Report Card
- Completed Recommendation from a current Teacher or Administrator