



## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE FOR THE CLASS OF 2028

Because McNicholas believes in providing opportunities for students with a wide range of passions and talents, we offer four types of scholarships and awards for the incoming Class of 2028.

This guide gives details about the two types of scholarship that require additional application materials: the [Find Your Brilliance Scholarships](#) and [Named Scholarships](#). All applicants for Named Scholarships are required to submit a financial aid application through FACTS, as they are need-based awards.

*Please note:*

- The deadline to apply is November 15, 2023.
- Students are permitted to apply for multiple Named Scholarships and two Find Your Brilliance Scholarships.
- Scholarship applicants must submit an Admissions Application to McNicholas High School by November 30 to be considered for a scholarship. Essays will be accepted up until Nov. 30.
- A scholarship selection committee will review entries and select the recipients who will be notified in the acceptance package sent on January 17, 2023.

[Click here to complete your Admission Application and apply for scholarships.](#)

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## FIND YOUR BRILLIANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

McNicholas is dedicated to guiding students to find their Brilliance through inspiration and support from teachers and classmates. The McNicholas "Find Your Brilliance" Scholarships attract and reward members of the Class of 2028 who have already demonstrated brilliance—students who are proven thought and action leaders committed to setting the pace for excellence for their classmates. These scholarships are renewable for four years as long as recipients demonstrate continuing growth as positive examples for their classmates. We invite students to apply for a scholarship in one of these categories of "Brilliance." Show us the area in which your brilliance shines the brightest!

## Brilliant Art + Design & Performing Artist

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023
- Submit digital evidence of your accomplishments in the fine, performing, and instrumental arts. Choose one category below:
  - A video of you acting a monologue of about two minutes from a play.
  - A video of you performing a solo piece on a musical instrument.
  - A video of you singing a solo song from a Broadway musical.
  - Three of your best drawings, paintings, sculptures, and/or mixed media compositions.
- Finalists for this scholarship may be asked to participate in a remote conversation with McNicholas educators during which you discuss your composition process and techniques. (Times will be scheduled after application is received.)
- Upload videos or artwork (where required).

## Brilliant Bible Scholar

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by the due date of November 15, 2023.
- Participate remotely in a ten-minute online meeting at a scheduled time with a McNicholas teacher of theology. Online meeting will be scheduled after receipt of the scholarship application and before December 15, 2023.

During the meeting you will:

- Share a Bible verse that is meaningful to you and explain why it is meaningful.
- Discuss with the teacher how it helps you understand events around you.
- Include a specific example in which you live out the message of this verse in your own life.
- Have a conversation with the teacher during which you will demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of key Biblical people, themes, and cultures.

## Brilliant Compassionate Leader

This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated leadership through service to people outside of their family and school. Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by the due date of November 15, 2023.
- Provide a written description no longer than 100 words of your leadership through service to people outside of your relatives and school. Include the amount of time you spent doing this service. If you have photos, videos, or illustrations that will help us understand your leadership through service, please include them.
- Provide a written reflection of no more than 100 words about what you learned about yourself and other people through your service experience.
- Provide a recommendation specific to this scholarship from the supervisor from the service experience or from a person (not a relative) who benefitted from your service. The recommendation form is an online form which will be available through your Parent Portal after applying.

## Brilliant Community Builder

This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated ongoing commitment and skill in building community in their grade schools. These students go out of their way to care for and include others, especially classmates who tend to be left out of friend groups. They take stands against ridicule or bullying on social media or in person. They are social healers.

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023.
- Ask a teacher at your current school to submit the Recommendation Form specific to this scholarship. The recommendation form is an online form which will be available to send to your teacher through your Parent Portal after applying.
- Provide a written description no longer than 100 words of a specific situation in which you stepped up to build community at your grade school.

## Brilliant Hard-Working Learner

This scholarship recognizes students who have impressed their teachers because of their exemplary ongoing hard work to learn regardless of academic ability.

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023
- Provide an example or explanation of how/why you would be described as a hard worker at your school. (200 words or less).
- Provide testimonials specific to this scholarship from two teachers about your exemplary ongoing hard work. The recommendation form is an online form available on your Parent Portal after applying to McNicholas. Recommendations must be received by November 15, 2023.

## Brilliant Linguist

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023.
- Participate in a ten-minute online meeting at a scheduled time with a McNicholas teacher of Spanish, French, or Latin. During the meeting, you will demonstrate your skills in vocabulary, listening, speaking, and culture. You will also express what interests you about learning a new language.
- Online meeting will be scheduled after receipt of scholarship application.

## Brilliant Orator

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023.
- Prepare a three-minute persuasive speech on the topic "My accomplishments in grade school demonstrate how I will be a positive role model at McNicholas."
- Deliver your speech remotely/in person at a scheduled time to a panel of McNicholas educators. (Times will be scheduled after applications are received and before December 15, 2023.)
- The criteria are eye contact, clarity, persuasiveness, appropriate length, and effective use of language.

## Brilliant Reader

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023.
- Participate remotely in a meeting no longer than 15 minutes at a scheduled time with a McNicholas teacher. During the first part of the meeting, the teacher will give you a brief poem or short story to read considering a guiding question. This will be a "cold" reading; you will not know it in advance. During the rest of the meeting, you will discuss the poem or short story with the teacher.
- Online meetings will be scheduled following receipt of the scholarship application.

## Brilliant STEM Achiever

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023
  - Write a description no longer than 100 words of your outstanding accomplishment in science, technology, engineering, or math. It might be a project for which you won an award from your school or from an outside organization. It might be a school assignment or extracurricular project that especially impressed your teacher. If you have photos, videos, or illustrations of your project that will help us understand it, please include them.
  - Provide brief written documentation of your accomplishment: either a written description of your project and testimonial to your excellent work from your teacher, or an award certificate from an outside organization.
  - Upload documentation in section provided on your Parent Portal.
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## NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Named Scholarships are awarded based on review of the written scholarship application, with qualifications specified by our generous scholarship donors. All named scholarships require additional information and qualifications, as well as a submitted financial aid application.

### Alumni Association "Heritage" Scholarship

The Alumni Association "Heritage" Scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman who is a lineal descendant (child or grandchild) of a McNicholas or St. Joseph Academy graduate. Scholarship will be renewable for four years, provided the recipient maintains satisfactory academic progress and is a student in good standing.

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023
- Demonstrate financial need based on a FACTS Financial Aid Application
- Student must submit one teacher recommendation letter.
- Complete a short essay on "Why is it important for you to continue your family legacy at McNicholas and why attending a Catholic school is important to you." (250 words or less).

## McNicholas Marching Band Scholarship

The McNicholas Marching Band Scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman. Freshman auditions will be held with our Band Director. Each student will have a 15 minute slot to play any music they have prepared. Students must bring a copy of the music for the adjudicator. Details on the McNicholas Marching Band Scholarships and audition times will be provided following receipt of your application.

## Military Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any 8th grader planning to attend McNicholas High School. Applicant must demonstrate leadership, commitment to academics, and a sincere sense of patriotism.

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023
- Submit an essay about patriotism as required on the scholarship application.
- Demonstrate financial need based on a FACTS Financial Aid Application

## Lt. David Wolfangel Memorial Scholarship

Applicants must be the son or daughter of a Firefighter, EMT, Police Officer, or Nurse. The Lt. David Wolfangel Memorial Scholarship was created to financially assist an incoming freshman in achieving their dream of attending McNicholas High School. Recipients will receive this scholarship annually towards their tuition, as long as they are a student in good standing and are working toward their potential.

Candidates must:

- Submit the scholarship application by November 15, 2023
- Demonstrate financial need by completing FACTS Financial Aid Application
- The essay written for admission into McNicholas will be considered when awarding this scholarship.

## Polly Powers Sandmann Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors Polly Powers Sandmann, McNicholas Class of '79, and is made possible through the generosity of the Sandmann and Powers families, their friends, and the McNicholas Community. The Scholarship is awarded to a student in the SAIL program. Recipients will receive the award annually towards their tuition, as long as they are students in good standing and are working toward their potential.

The candidate must:

- Complete the scholarship application by November 15, 2023
- Submit an application to the SAIL program.
- Demonstrate financial need based on their FACTS Financial Aid Application
- Submit 2 teacher/principal recommendations. Recommendation forms will be found on your Parent Portal after applying. You will be able to send them electronically.
- Participate in extracurricular activities during high school.

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