



**Bishop Dunne Catholic School Admissions
Presidential Scholarship Selection Process**

To be considered for the Bishop Dunne Presidential Scholarship, please complete the following criteria:

- Applicant must have completed an application to 9th grade at Bishop Dunne Catholic School.
- Applicant must submit the Presidential Scholarship Essay to jhood@bdcs.org no later than **January 24, 2025**. See attached topic and instructions for essay.
- Applicants must submit the Principal Recommendation Form to their school principal. Recommendations are due to jhood@bdcs.org by January 24, 2025. Please submit the request in enough time for your principal to write and submit. Be respectful of your principal's time. See attached Recommendation Form.
- The Admission Committee will review the following and determine finalists for the Presidential Scholarship.
 - o Scholarship Essays
 - o Principal Recommendation
 - o Grades, via Ravenna application
 - o Testing, via Ravenna application
- Finalists will be contacted by February 7, 2025.. They can then sign up for an interview.
- Finalists Interviews will be the week of February 10th-14th, at Bishop Dunne Catholic School.
- Presidential Scholarship Winners will be announced on March 7, 2025.

Email Jenny Hood, jhood@bdcs.org, to receive the application.

Timeline:

January 24, 2025: Scholarship Essays and Principal Recommendations due

February 7, 2025: Finalists announced and contacted.

February 10th-14th, 2025: Finalist Interviews

March 7, 2025: Presidential Scholarship Recipients Announced

For questions, please contact Jenny Hood, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at jhood@bdcs.org or 469-291-1806.



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Essay Topic

“The future of the world and of the Church belongs to the younger generation, to those who, born in this century, will reach maturity in the next, the first century of the new Millennium.”- Pope John Paul II

Essays are due via email to jhood@bdcs.org by January 24, 2025. Please respond to the following question in a double-spaced, typed essay. Your essay should be at least 600 words in length.

Catholic Schools encourage each student to accept the challenges of being a Christian in tomorrow’s world. In your opinion, what is the biggest challenge facing your generation’s future, and how will a Bishop Dunne education help prepare you to accept that challenge?



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Principal Recommendation

Please complete the following recommendation and return via email to jhood@bdcs.org by January 25, 2025. Your recommendation will be kept in confidentiality by the Admissions Committee at Bishop Dunne.

Student Name: _____

Current School: _____

Principal's Name: _____

How many years have you known this student? _____

Please rate this student in comparison to his or her peers this year.

	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Very Good (Top 25%)	Average (Top 50%)	Fair (Bottom 50%)
Academic Ability				
Disciplined Work Habits				
Initiative and Drive				
Leadership				
Conduct				
Care and Concern for Others				
Participation in Service Opportunities				

Personal Statement: Please share your thoughts on this student's academic achievement, leadership potential, participation in service, and moral character.

Please circle the option that accurately describes your recommendation for this student for the Presidential Scholarship.

Highly Recommend

Recommend

Do Not Recommend

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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