

2026-2027

Merit Scholarships and/or Need-Based Financial Assistance

Current and New Families

Application Opens: Nov 15, 2025

Application Closes: Feb 1, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to share information about the various merit scholarships and need-based financial assistance available at Holy Cross School for the 2026-2027 school year. Our commitment to providing accessible, high-quality education extends beyond tuition costs. We believe that excellence should be rewarded and that financial challenges should not hinder a student's pursuit of academic excellence.

A. Endowed Scholarship Opportunities

We offer a range of scholarships to recognize and reward outstanding students. These endowed scholarships are based on a variety of considerations including:

- **Academic Merit:** Recognizing exceptional academic achievement.
- **Leadership and Service:** Rewarding students who demonstrate leadership, are involved in extracurricular activities, and exhibit the qualities of a Holy Cross Man.

B. Need-Based Financial Assistance

We understand that financial considerations can impact a family's ability to afford a quality education. Our need based financial assistance program assists families with various financial needs. We offer two aid options, including:

- **Need-Based Scholarships:** Endowments awarded to students who demonstrate financial need.
- **Work-Study Programs:** Opportunities for students help their families earn tuition credit and pay for their education while gaining work experience on campus.

C. How to Apply or Re-Apply

Whether you are applying for an (A) academic merit-based scholarship AND/OR (B) need-based financial assistance, please complete the following steps:

- **Apply:** Complete the Blackbaud Financial Aid application form, **found in your Blackbaud Tuition Management Account**. Even though the software says Financial Aid Application, please use this form to apply for both merit scholarships AND/OR need-based financial assistance.
- **Re-Apply:** Please understand that **ALL CURRENT FAMILIES** who are receiving any type of merit-based scholarship and/or need-based financial assistance **must re-apply** for the 2026-2027 school year no later than February 1, 2026, **using the Blackbaud Financial Aid application form, found in your Blackbaud Tuition Management Account**.

D. Outside Scholarship Opportunities:

There are multiple organizations that offer need-based and merit-based scholarships to Holy Cross students. These include ACE Scholars, ARETE Scholars, Aspiring Scholars, Son of a Saint, PLEASE Foundation, Pazos Education Fund, and Champions of Catholic Education.

Scan the QR code for these scholarships:



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL 2026-2027 Financial Assistance Application Instructions

Access Application: <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school>

School ID: 13642

Application and Supporting Documents Due Date: 2/1/2026

Eligible Grades: 5th -12th

Application Fee: \$35 (\$45 after 1/14/26)

Required Supporting Documentation

Applications submitted without documentation will not be processed.

- **2024** W-2 forms for all jobs.
- **2024** filed tax return: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ with all schedules.
- **2024** filed business tax return: 1120, 1120S, 1065 (if applicable).
- Most recent pay stubs
- Supplemental income documentation: Social Security income, Welfare, Food Stamps, Child Support, 1099-M Forms, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment, Veterans Benefits, Housing Allowance, etc. (if applicable).

Creating Your Account

Please visit <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school> to create your account. If you are a new applicant, click the blue "Create Account" button and follow the directions from there to either set up your BBID with Blackbaud, or to link an existing BBID account. If you are a returning applicant, log in via the "Sign In" section on the main landing page.

Submitting Documentation

Documentation should be submitted at the time the application is completed. Please be advised that each document must be uploaded separately under the appropriate

document type in order for your application to automatically move into the “Documents Received” status, and ready for review.

- Direct Upload: <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school> (login with your username and password)

Application Rollover

If you created a Blackbaud Financial Aid Management account to apply for financial aid in a prior year, your application will roll over into the next school year. Your username and password will remain the same, as well your Application ID number (with the exception of the first two digits as that indicate the school year). The Parent/Guardian and Dependents section of the application will be auto-filled for you, you will simply need to confirm the information before advancing to the next sections of the application. If any information from the Parent/Guardian and Dependent section should be updated, please make the necessary changes.

Blackbaud Financial Aid Management Contact Information

- Phone Support: (800)-360-8027
- Once logged into your account, click the icon in the lower right corner of your screen to live chat with us.

Notification of Financial Aid

Once your application is processed, a financial aid recommendation will be forwarded to **Holy Cross School**. All final financial aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any) will be made by Holy Cross School. If you have not received notification regarding financial aid, contact the Finance Office at **Holy Cross School**.

Online Instructions

1. Online Application

Visit: <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school>

2. Section 1 – Household Information

Parent/Guardian: Enter the parent or guardian’s contact information. Dependent: Enter all dependents that live in the household.

For dependents in college, select the “attending another private school” status option.

3. Section 2 – Selecting A School

Enter your school’s five-digit code **13642** or name in the search box. If you want to search for schools near you that are participating in the Blackbaud Financial Aid Management program, you can search by city and state. Make your selection by checking the select check box. Once a school or multiple schools are selected, you will then need to select the student(s) you wish to apply for aid at the appropriate school(s). After the school(s) have been selected, you will then need to select the upcoming grade for the student, student code (if applicable), and expected tuition (if applicable) for the upcoming year. Clicking “next” after each section will allow you to move on to each subsequent section.

4. Section 3 – Income & Expenses

Enter any income the household receives; employment, business or supplemental. If the work status is selected as ‘employed’, ‘self-employed’, ‘unemployed, receiving benefits’, or ‘disabled, receiving benefits,’ you will be required to enter this income source in the appropriate section before moving through the application. Please enter all expenses as they pertain to your household.

5. Section 4 – Assets & Debts

Enter all assets and debts as they pertain to your household.

6. Section 5 – Special Circumstances

Check off any special circumstance that pertains to your household. If no option available best describes your household’s circumstance, please check ‘other’ and describe your situation. This information is confidential and will only be available to designated School Administration and Blackbaud Financial Aid Management staff.

7. Section 6 – Submit

If your school uses family school codes, please make the appropriate selection. Agree to Blackbaud Financial Aid Management’s terms and conditions, then click SUBMIT to complete your online application.

Please be sure to enter all fields with accuracy.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who should complete this aid application?

A: Whomever the child resides with should complete this application whether it is a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, or legal guardian. There is a section within the application where you can enter contributions from non-custodial parents and relatives.

Q: Why do I need to input my spouse's information if I am remarried and they are not legally responsible for my children?

A: Blackbaud Financial Aid Management's calculation works off of the total household income, therefore including all income, whether the party is legally responsible for your children or not. Our system however, does take into effect your spouse's expenses as well as their income. It is important to list all expenses that are asked of within the application.

Q: I do not have the required tax documents. HELP!

A: Include the most recent tax documentation you have available. If you are asked for a specific line from a tax document that you have not yet completed, please estimate the projected amount.

Q: How will I know if I qualify for aid or not?

A: We do not disclose information about the results of your application. All final tuition aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any); will be made by your school. For the date award notices will be given, please contact your school directly.

Q: What if I want to edit my application?

A: Once an application has been submitted and paid for it can no longer be edited by a parent. However, if changes are necessary a parent may contact our customer support team to make changes. Support can be contacted via live chat while logged into your account (icon in lower right corner of screen) or by calling 800-360-8027.

Q: What is the Business owner application fee?

A: Due to the additional financial documents and reviewer processes required, the application for business owners has a supplementary fee amount.