De La Salle HIGH SCHOOL

The Bishop John S. Cummins, AFSC Scholar Program

Our Lasallian Commitment to Accessibility

When Saint John Baptist de La Salle founded the Christian Brothers' schools in 17th-century France, he set out to build a network of schools that would offer a human and Christian education, with a focused commitment to the children of the poor. Today more than 100,000 Lasallian educators carry out this mission in educational institutions throughout the world.

At De La Salle High School, one of the ways we accomplish our Lasallian Catholic mission to serve the poor is through an intentional commitment to financial assistance. **For the 2026-27 school year, over $4.6 million was awarded to families with varying levels of financial need, with aid going to 37 percent of our students.** Of that, nearly 8% of our student body is served by this special program named in honor of Bishop John S. Cummins, AFSC.

Most Lasallian schools in the District of San Francisco New Orleans serve at least five percent of our student bodies be from families whose income does not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty level--the income level that would qualify a student for the Federal Reduced Lunch Program. In 2026, this would mean a family of four making less than $61,050 annually.

To serve such families, De La Salle High School established the Bishop John S. Cummins, AFSC Scholar 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 Scholar 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 Scholar 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 for all 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 dedicated Bishop Cummins Scholars Program Coordinator, supported by committed faculty and staff, challenging academic curriculum, and comprehensive co-curricular offerings, Bishop Cummins Scholars are provided the opportunity and tools to succeed at De La Salle High School and beyond.

The Need

For the 2026-27 school year, there are 56 students who are Bishop Cummins Scholars. The budgeted cost of the Bishop Cummins Scholar Program totals $1,505,330. Of this, $1,219,500 is reserved for tuition assistance for these qualified students, $142,520 covers additional expenses incurred throughout the year by individual students, and $143,310 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 Scholar Program. While the Bishop Cummins Scholar 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 Scholar 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 $127,229 but the families we serve through the Bishop Cummins Scholar Program don't make that amount. The Bishop Cummins Scholarship 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.

Student Demographics

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

Bishop Cummins Scholars	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Freshman	20	20	15	13	14
Sophomore	16	20	16	14	18
Junior	17	12	16	15	11
Senior	13	16	11	16	15
Total	**66**	**68**	**58**	**58**	**58**

Ethnicity	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
African-American	10	8	7	6	5
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	5	3	3	6
Caucasian	0	2	0	2	1
Hispanic	45	46	48	45	45
Multi-Racial	3	7	0	0	1
American Indian	0	0	0	0	0

Residing In	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Alameda County	1	1	2	1	0
Contra Costa County	61	63	55	55	60
Other	4	3	1	2	5
City of Concord	22	26	29	26	24
A Single Family Home	22	48	22	18	22

Demographics	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Catholic	43	50	50	48	47
English as a Second Language	31	33	36	41	37
First Generation to College	41	41	50	58	58

Conclusion

The Bishop Cummins Scholar 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 Scholar 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 Scholar Program a vibrant reality.

Student Accomplishments

The Bishop John S. Cummins, AFSC Scholars have achieved remarkable success, and their potential continues to grow.

Academic Achievements	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Cumulative Grade Point Average	3.01	3.07	3.30
Co-curricular Participation	100%	100%	100%
College Acceptance	100%	100%	100%
College Accepted to	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo California State University, San Francisco California State University, Sacramento Saint Mary's College San Jose State University University of California, Merced University of California, San Diego University of California, Santa Cruz	California State University, Sacramento College of San Mateo Diablo Valley College California State University, Chico Fresno City College Pacific State Aviation Academy Saint Mary's College San Jose State University Santa Clara University University of Nevada, Reno	California State University, Chico Claremont McKenna College Diablo Valley College Point Loma Nazarene University Los Medanos College Saint Mary's College San Francisco State University San Jose State University U.S. Military Academy West Point University of San Francisco University of California, Merced

> *"Thank you to everyone who guided and supported me through this journey. I would not be the person I am today without this love from my community. I will forever be grateful for my time at De la Salle High School."*
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> - 2026 Bishop Cummins Scholar Program Graduate

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