



ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (ASF)

A new opportunity has been created for Catholic School students to receive tuition assistance through an "Angel Scholarship."

These scholarships are made possible through a new scholarship tax-credit program that is being managed by the Catholic Community Foundation and the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

TO APPLY:

Every family that wishes to be considered for an award must complete an Angel Scholarship Application Form. The process for applying for an Angel Scholarship differs for undesignated awards vs. designated awards:

- The source for undesignated awards are contributions to ASF that are not designated for a particular school. The process for applying for an undesignated Angel Scholarship is the same as for Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA), i.e., completing the FACTS application.
- The source for designated awards are contributions to ASF that are designated for a particular school. Every applicant for a designated Angel Scholarship must participate in the school's process to assess financial need, (e.g., the FACTS application for financial aid; another third party assessment; or documentation through an objective process such as free-reduced lunch qualification, state scholarship income verification, or a similar locally created process). Please contact the school office to apply for a designated Angel Scholarship.

The number of designated and undesignated Angel Scholarships awarded and individual award amounts will be determined by the amount of available funds and number of applicants. The Office of Catholic Education (OCE) will collaborate with schools to recommend awards that are based on the following criteria: Low-income applicants (at or below 300% of the poverty level) will be prioritized; once this need is met, non-low-income applicants are able to receive an Angel Scholarship. All awards will be based on financial need.



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For more information contact your school administrator or Paul Gnatowski, Tuition Assistance & Financial Reporting Analysis, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, 216-696-6525 ext. 1032



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TO CONTRIBUTE:

Funds contributed to the Angel Scholarship Fund will be used to provide tuition assistance for students to attend our Catholic schools, and donors are eligible to receive a 100% Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 for married couples filing jointly, where both spouse contribute \$750) against their 2023 state tax liability.

In other words, the state of Ohio allows taxpayers to "spend" some of their state income tax dollars that must be paid anyway to provide tuition assistance for students seeking an education in our Catholic schools. The Angel Scholarship Fund is a win-win-win for taxpayer donors, scholarship recipients, and our schools. Please note that contributions to ASF must be made by December 31, 2023 to be eligible for a tax credit when filing your 2023 Ohio income taxes.

Your Support of ASF:

- Directly impacts a family's ability to afford a Catholic education
- Helps provide a high quality Catholic education for students with financial need
- Can be designated to any Catholic school in the Diocese of Cleveland



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For more information or to make a contribution, go to
www.catholiccommunity.org/angel.
You can also contact Fred Roberts at the Angel Scholarship Fund Office,
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