

**MOTHER McAULEY HIGH SCHOOL
FINANCIAL AWARDS FOR INCOMING FIRST YEAR STUDENTS 2010-2011**

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES

Questions may be addressed to the Admissions/Financial Aid Office
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NOTE: All Financial Awards are given only to students registered at Mother McAuley High School and all Financial Awards are deducted from tuition costs. Registered students are those who have submitted the \$575 registration fee/tuition deposit and a completed student data sheet.

MCAULEY-GRANTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS

Tuition Assistance Awards

This assistance is available to those families who are currently experiencing serious financial difficulties.

- An application form from **Private School Aid Service** is included in this packet. You may also download a copy of this form from the McAuley website (www.mothermcauley.org). If you wish to apply for Financial Assistance, the completed form must be returned directly to **Private School Aid Service** for independent evaluation. The application form with the required \$21.00 processing fee, payable to **Private School Aid**, must be submitted to them no later than **March 12, 2010**. Applications may be submitted once the student has received her acceptance letter from Mother McAuley High School.
- **Private School Aid Service** evaluates and ranks the applications based on financial need. A summary report of this ranking is returned to the school.
- The school assigns various monetary grant amounts, not to exceed \$2,500. These monetary grant amounts are determined annually based upon funding available and the number of applicants. Funds for Financial Aid are provided by the McAuley Endowment Fund in addition to funds provided by the McAuley Fathers Club, grants, and other donations.
- Parents are notified by the school of the amount awarded no later than **April 14, 2010**. The financial aid amount is applied directly to the student's tuition account. Half of the amount is posted in September; the other half is posted in January, provided the student's balance is up to date and she is in good standing academically and behaviorally.

Family- Focused Awards

- Additional sister(s) attending McAuley at the same time - \$500 is deducted from tuition for each additional sister.
- Brother at Brother Rice and a sister attending McAuley at the same time - \$250 is deducted from tuition for one sister at McAuley and \$250 for the brother at Brother Rice.
- Guaranteed Tuition Program - The balance of the tuition for a current student is deducted upon the death of a parent/legal guardian whose signature is on the *Student Data Sheet*.

Student Worker Program Awards

A student receiving financial assistance may receive an additional \$300 grant credit (\$150 for each semester) for working in one of the school offices. During the first week of school, students will be notified about where to apply. A student must have an open period or study period in order to be available to work. All work assignments are scheduled during normal school day hours.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE TAKEN THE ENTRANCE EXAM AT MOTHER MCAULEY, BEEN ACCEPTED, AND REGISTERED.

Academic, Leadership, and Service Awards

Academic Scholarships - \$2000 Non-renewable.

Students who have **achieved a 99% composite on the Mother McAuley placement test** will receive a \$2000 academic scholarship. A letter of notification will be sent with the acceptance letter.

Board of Trustees Scholar - An annual scholarship award equal to one-half the tuition, given to one incoming first year student. In **February** Catholic elementary school principals receive specific information regarding this scholarship and submit their applicant no later than **March 12, 2010**. The Mother McAuley Board of Trustees makes the final decision which is announced no later than **April 14, 2010**.

Students nominated by their elementary school principal must

- Attend a Catholic elementary school (two year minimum) having a B+ average.
- Demonstrate serious academic achievement/potential.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Participate actively in school, church and community.

Preference is given to a student from a family educating more than one child in Catholic schools and/or a single parent family.

Once awarded, the Board of Trustees Scholar shall be eligible for one-half of each year's tuition provided she maintains a 3.0 grade point average and continues to meet the original criteria.

Applicants not selected as the Board Scholar may apply for a McAuley-Granted Financial Assistance Award by contacting the Financial Aid Office. They need not submit a separate financial application.

Principal Scholarship - Six \$1,000 Non-renewable Scholarships.

Scholarship is based on leadership and is available to incoming first year students.

Applications are due no later than March 12, 2010; notification of awards will be **no later than April 14, 2010.**

Any student who wishes to apply must

- Complete the application form available in the Main Office or on McAuley's web site (www.mothersmcauley.org).
- Be an active participant in school, church and community.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher or principal addressed to the Principal of Mother McAuley regarding the applicant's leadership qualities.
- Submit a letter of recommendation addressed to the Principal of Mother McAuley from a coach/moderator/youth coordinator outside of school describing the applicant's leadership qualities.

Students will be expected to use their leadership skills at Mother McAuley.

Service Scholarship—The Susan Morrissey Memorial Award for Service—

A \$750 scholarship will be available to first year students during the spring semester of first year. Applications will be available then. Applicants will be required to respond in writing to several questions about service.

Alumnae Scholarships – Students who qualify for this scholarship, which is funded by alumnae, will receive a packet of application information in **February**. **Applications are due no later than March 12, 2010;** notification of awards will be no later than **April 14, 2010.**

“Tradition of Excellence” Award - Ten \$500 Non-renewable tuition grants to incoming first year students.

- Recipient must be a daughter/granddaughter or niece of a Mother McAuley or St. Xavier Academy Alumna.
- Recipient is selected by a committee of Alumnae Board Members.
- Applicants must submit a one page, typed, double spaced, 12 font essay answering the question: “How do you expect your four years at Mother McAuley will make a difference for you? for the world?”

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EXTERNAL-SOURCE AWARDS

Most of the recipients of these awards are determined by the donor organization. Those listed below in **Group I** may still be contacted for awards for the 2010-2011 school year. **Group II** is included for your information. There will be first year students receiving awards in this category but either the deadline for application has passed or no opening is available at this time with the funds on hand.

Group I

- **HighSight Scholars** - \$3,000 renewable tuition deduction; student must live in Chicago; contact HighSight Program Director at 312-787-9824 or at www.highsight.org. Application deadline is **February 19, 2010**.
- **Knights of Columbus** - Individual student initiates contact through known party.

Group II – For Your Information

- **Big Shoulders - Gallagher Scholars** - Selected in 4th grade in Big Shoulders Schools. They can carry this scholarship into high school (\$3,000 tuition deduction) provided the requirements are met. Make inquires to elementary school principal.
- **Daniel Murphy** - \$4,000 renewable tuition deduction to economically disadvantaged Chicago 8th grade students who maintain a B average. Contact elementary school principal. or DMSF at 312-341-4080; www.dmsf.org. Application deadline—**October 16, 2009**.
- **LINK Scholars** - Renewable awards of \$3,250 or more; African-American students eligible; contact current elementary school principal or contact LINK at 312-225-5465 or at www.linkunlimited.org. Completed application deadline is **December 7, 2009**.
- **Owens Foundation Award** - \$2,500 tuition grant. Recipient is preferably a minority student, well-motivated and with financial need. Financial need is determined after parent completes the Private School Aid Form (See page one).
- **White Foundation Award** - Tuition assistance for minority students living in Chicago with financial need. Financial need is determined after parent completes the Private School Aid Form (See page one).