



Charlottesville Catholic School

Christ Community Scholars

February 2024

Dear Parents,

CCS is honored to be able to offer the following scholarships to 5th-8th students:

- The Grace Cullen Cantonwine Memorial Scholarship (*rising 8th grade students*), funded each year by donors, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cantonwine. This \$500 award is matched by the Knights of Columbus for a total of \$1,000. All applicants must be rising 8th graders and have good standing academically. They also must be involved citizens in their school and their community.
- The Dr. Michael Salerno Scholarship (*rising 6th and 7th grade students*), funded by donors, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palumbo. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded based on academic merit, character, active participation in the school and community, and membership in a Catholic parish. In addition, consideration will be given to the difference this scholarship would make on the family's financial burden of paying tuition.
- The Paul Zacharias Memorial Scholarship (*rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students*), funded by the Paul Zacharias Memorial Fund. Mr. Zacharias was a beloved middle school Latin teacher for twelve years at Charlottesville Catholic School. His unexpected passing led the Charlottesville Catholic Community to remember his commitment to students and serving Christ through the establishment of this fund. The "Paul Zacharias Scholarship" in the amount of \$750 will be awarded based on character and service to the community. In addition, consideration will be given to the difference this scholarship would make on the family's financial burden of paying tuition.

- The Bob Niehaus Memorial Scholarship (*rising 5th grade students*), funded by the Bob Niehaus Memorial Fund. Mr. Bob Niehaus, the grandfather of three alumni, was part of the team that built the main Charlottesville Catholic building that opened in 2001. His dedication to CCS and his faith led to the creation of this scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded every other year to the rising 5th grader who is dedicated to their faith and service to others. Students must be Catholic to be selected and will receive \$1,000 for 5th and 6th grade at CCS (*\$500 for each year for a total of \$1,000*).

To qualify for the award, the following criteria must be met:

- Enrollment at CCS for the upcoming school year and a student at CCS for the previous three academic quarters.
- Completion of the attached application.
- Three letters attesting to the student's character. The letters may be written by any adult other than the student's parents who have worked closely with him/her in some capacity.
- Completion of an essay on a topic determined by the Scholarship Committee
- Grade Point Average and citizenship record will be considered
- At least one of the letters of recommendation must be from a current or former teacher.
- If applying for the Dr. Michael Salerno or Bob Niehaus scholarship, a parishioner form must be completed.

Interested students should complete the attached application. The required student essay will be written in school on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 3:30-4:30. Parents need to respond to the question at the bottom of the application. All required documents should be returned by Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Letters of Character (letters should be requested no later than Friday, March 29, 2024):

#1 _____ Relationship _____

#2 _____ Relationship _____

#3 _____ Relationship _____

Student Essay: The essay writing session will be held at CCS on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024** from 3:30-4:30 pm. Attendance is mandatory. Students will have to write an essay on a topic provided at that time. All materials will be provided. Please report to the designated room and check-in by 3:15pm. The completed application form will be due upon check-in for the essay writing session. *Incomplete applications will not be accepted after the essay writing session.*

Parent Question (please answer on a separate sheet of paper): Please answer the following question and attach to the application:

How will this scholarship make an impact on your family?



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PARISHIONER FORM
(Catholic families only)

The following family is registered with _____ parish.

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Pastor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Student's name/grade: _____

**This form must be signed by a parish priest and returned to the school office.*