



## Saint Christopher ACADEMY

Dear 8th grade students,

As you near the end of your time at Saint Christopher Academy and look forward to high school in the fall, I would like to invite you to apply for the Helen J. Horan Scholarship. Founded through a bequest by Rev. Denis (Deny) Horan, this scholarship provides an annual \$1,000 award to the winning student for each of the four years he or she attends a Catholic high school. It is awarded on the basis of merit, not financial need. I am pleased to honor Fr. Deny's desire to encourage our students to complete their education at a Catholic high school and hope that you will consider applying for the scholarship using the requirements listed on the next page.

Please note the following important information about the scholarship:

- All materials outlined in the attached application instructions must be submitted by May 15. This includes letters of recommendation from both your spiritual leader AND another person from outside your family, an essay addressing the topic indicated in the application, a letter of acceptance from a Catholic high school, and a signed copy of the attached application. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship.
- The winning student must provide a written copy of a Catholic high school tuition invoice to the Saint Chris Business Office at the beginning of EACH school year. The award will be sent directly to the receiving school on the business day closest to October 1st.

God bless,

Mrs. Cynthia Clarke

## **HELEN J. HORAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **Saint Christopher Academy**

This scholarship has been made possible as a result of a bequest to Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School (now Saint Christopher Academy) by Father Denis Horan in loving memory of his sister Helen. Father "Deny" was Nashua Catholic's Chaplain from 1997-2006 and a staunch supporter of Catholic education. This scholarship will be awarded to a deserving graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who has successfully completed two years at Saint Christopher Academy and is continuing on to a Catholic High School. The scholarship will be awarded in four annual installments during the student's Catholic High School years.

#### **Application Procedure:**

**1. All applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for this award:**

- Maintain solid academic performance and consistent effort and positive behavior while at Saint Christopher Academy in grades 7 and 8.
- Demonstrate positive involvement in the school or greater community.
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from the spiritual leader of the student's faith community (i.e., Pastor, Rabbi, Minister, etc.) and one other person not related to the student.
- Complete an essay of no more than 500 words addressing the following topic: "A Catholic education is a gift for a lifetime. How will the education you have received at Saint Christopher Academy and the education you will receive at a Catholic High School be a gift for your lifetime? How has your education at Saint Christopher Academy been a gift thus far?"

**2. All requirements must be received in Mrs. Coker's office no later than FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2024.**

*Be sure to include this page complete with the dates and signatures indicated below.*

**3. Verification of admission to a Catholic High School must be provided along with the application. A tuition invoice from the Catholic High School of choice must be provided to the Saint Christopher Academy Business Office before funds can be disbursed to the recipient's account at the high school. This invoice must be presented yearly.**

**4. The decision of the scholarship award committee will be based upon all information received by the May 15, 2024 deadline and will be final. There are no exceptions. The recipient will be announced at the Baccalaureate Dinner in June.**

**5. By signing this document, authorization is granted to the Scholarship committee to access the applicant's school records.**

**Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**