



## **Maguire Scholars Program**

**The Maguire Foundation in Partnership with the  
Faith in the Future Foundation**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2016**

The Maguire Foundation, in partnership with the Faith in the Future Foundation (“Foundation”), will award \$3,000 per-year scholarships to at least six students in each of the eighteen qualifying Philadelphia-area Catholic high schools. The current program is specific to eighth graders entering the high school *Class of 2020*. **The scholarship is renewable for each of the four years of high school, given that the Maguire Scholar maintains standards consistent with the qualifications listed below.**

To receive a scholarship, a student must fulfill the following criteria for selection:

**Financial Need:** Candidates must have a demonstrated financial need of at least \$3,000 as determined by a completed tuition assistance application –**Smart Aid** Student Aid Form. The financial aid application (online) is available at the high school websites, the Office of Catholic Education website (<http://www.aopcatholicchools.org/>) and the Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) website (<http://iamablocsscholar.org/>) as of **November 1, 2015**.

- **FAMILIES MUST APPLY TO SMART AID TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MAGUIRE SCHOLARSHIP AND TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TUITION ASSISTANCE FUNDS THAT MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE.**
- **Academic Ability:** The criteria for academic excellence requires at least a cumulative 85 average utilizing the final grades of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and the first trimester of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or equivalent at the time of application. Additionally, a **Total Score-National Percentile (NP) of 60** on the Seventh Grade *TerraNova* test is required.
- **Personal Growth and Development:** Candidate must have minimal absences and latenesses at the time of the application. In addition, he/she must show at least “Satisfactory” on his/her report card in “personal development.”
- **Commitment to Community Service and Extracurricular Activity:** Candidate must be currently participating in at least one ongoing community service **AND** at least one extracurricular activity.

- **High School Matriculation:** Candidate must attend one of the seventeen Archdiocesan High Schools or Mercy Vocational High School and he/she **must have completed the application process for that high school.**

Applications will be made available in the elementary schools and high schools as well as online. The non-financial qualifications outlined above will be judged based on the input provided by the candidate's elementary school principal as evidenced on the attached "Recommender Form". **The student/parent must complete and submit the application through the Office of Catholic Education AND the standard financial aid application through Smart Aid by January 15, 2016.**

The applicant pool will be comprised of candidates that have put themselves forward and/or are identified by the President/Admissions Director of the specified high school. Upon receipt of the completed application vetted by the Office of Catholic Education, the selection of the Maguire Scholars will be made at the high school level from this pool of qualified applicants. Notification will be forwarded through the Office of Catholic Education.



Maguire Scholars Program – Student Application Form  
The Maguire Foundation in Partnership with the Faith in the Future Foundation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or P.O. Box  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone # Cell Phone #

Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must attach latest report card.)

Application Submitted for (check appropriate boxes):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archbishop Carroll | <input type="checkbox"/> Lansdale Catholic                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archbishop Ryan    | <input type="checkbox"/> Little Flower                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archbishop Wood    | <input type="checkbox"/> Monsignor Bonner/Archbishop Prendergast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop McDevitt    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pope John Paul II                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop Shanahan    | <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardinal O'Hara    | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Hubert                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conwell-Egan       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ss. John Neumann and Maria Goretti      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father Judge       | <input type="checkbox"/> West Catholic                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John W. Hallahan   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Vocational                        |

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**Student and Parent/Guardian Signatures:**

By signing below, I acknowledge that all information I have provided in this application is true, complete and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Date

Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School:

Is this Elementary School an Independent Mission School?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone # Cell Phone #

By signing below, I acknowledge that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided by the student's elementary school and accompanying this application is accurate and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recommender Signature Date



The Elementary School Principal should return the completed application with all attachments to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Office of Catholic Education, Suite 620, Attention: Maguire Scholars Program – Application, 222 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

### RECOMMENDER FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL/RECOMMENDER.

**Academic Ability:** The criteria for academic excellence requires at least a cumulative 85 average utilizing the final grades of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and the second trimester of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or equivalent at the time of application. Academic Profile – please include copies of academic records including test results, grade school record, and information on academic scholarship test/interview at high school (if applicable) on file at your local school.

June 2015 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) General Average \_\_\_\_\_

*TerraNova* National Percentile (NP) Total Score(7<sup>th</sup> Grade) \_\_\_\_\_

First Trimester (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) General Average \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Growth and Development:** Candidate must have minimal absences and latenesses at the time of the application. In addition, he/she must show a “Satisfactory” on his/her report card in “Personal Development.”

Days Absent (7th grade): \_\_\_\_\_ Days Late (7th grade): \_\_\_\_\_  
(8th grade): \_\_\_\_\_ (8th grade): \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Development/Discipline Grade (7th grade): \_\_\_\_\_  
(8th grade): \_\_\_\_\_

**Commitment to Community Service and Extracurricular Activity:** Candidate must be currently participating in at least one ongoing community service AND at least one extracurricular activity. The Principal/Recommender should provide a **BRIEF Letter/Statement of Recommendation** that should include the following:

Human Potential: In narrative form, please assess the nominee's capability and desire to further his/her Catholic education. Indicate his/her potential, both academically and socially, to succeed in his/her pursuits, and the leadership qualities exhibited.

- Parish, School, Civic, and Community Participation: In narrative form, please respond to the nominee's responsible participation in his/her community and, if possible, indicate the degree of parent/guardian support received.

### **Essay Question**

**DIRECTIONS:** Your response to the following question should be typed on a separate sheet of paper and included with your application. At the top of the page type your name and school. It should be at least one paragraph in length (5-7 sentences) but no longer than two paragraphs. In part, your response will be evaluated as a representation of your academic ability and achievement so be mindful of the rules of grammar, spelling and composition.

**The Question:** The mission of the Maguire Foundation is grounded in the teachings of St. Ignatius Loyola that we are men and women for others. What do you do to serve others?