

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## General Rules for Archbishop Shaw High School Funded Scholarships

Students may receive only one Archbishop Shaw funded scholarship at any given time. A student who is offered more than one scholarship may accept the scholarship of his choice. A student receiving financial aid who is subsequently awarded a scholarship will have his financial aid reduced by the value of the scholarship received. Students are not eligible for scholarship consideration if they are subject to disciplinary probation or other disciplinary sanctions. Students on scholarship who do not meet the requirements associated with the specific scholarship they received will also forfeit their award in keeping with the noted stipulations.

## Excelsior Merit Scholarships

Archbishop Shaw's motto, Excelsior, translates to "ever striving, ever achieving." Archbishop Shaw will award scholarships in the form of tuition reductions in the amounts of \$3,000 or \$1,000 each year to any student who meets the criteria outlined below. An Excelsior scholarship is renewable on a pro-rated semester basis for the duration of the student's tenure at Archbishop Shaw as long as the recipient (1) maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a weighted scale of 3.0 for eighth grade students and 3.5 for all others each subsequent semester, and (2) is not subject to disciplinary probation or other disciplinary sanctions.

The Principal, in consultation with the Director/President, will name the scholarship recipients. All information must be forwarded to and received by this school by January 31 to guarantee consideration. Documentation may be accepted after this date at the discretion of the principal. Specific eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. The applicant must possess exemplary character attested with an Archbishop Shaw provided form signed by his principal. This requirement may also be met by a formal letter of recommendation by his current principal or pastor.
2. The applicant's prior school records must evidence outstanding academic achievement, i.e., a B+ average or better for the two preceding years.
3. The applicant must obtain qualifying scores on the Archbishop Shaw Placement Test or on the two most recent year's Aspire Tests.
  - a) Students with total aggregate scores in the 90 to 99 national percentile range qualify for a \$3,000 scholarship. (The total aggregate score is labeled "Composite" on the High School Placement Test. An **average of the best three national percentiles on the Aspire** will be used).
  - b) Students with total aggregate scores in the 80 to 89 national percentile range qualify for a \$1,000 scholarship.
  - c) At his discretion, the Archbishop Shaw principal may allow other nationally-normed tests to be used, especially for students in elementary schools which do not offer the Aspire test.
5. The applicant must register in a timely manner, that is, within two weeks of registration day or within two weeks of acceptance in the case of late acceptance.
6. A scholarship offer or award may be rescinded if a student is involved in a serious disciplinary incident or fails a class during any marking period of the school year in which he applies.
7. The general rules for Archbishop Shaw High School funded scholarships also apply.