

## **Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien 2017 Student Scholarship Criteria**

The following conditions shall be met to be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust (Trust). Primary consideration for scholarships is given to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students continuing onto a Catholic high school. Secondary consideration is given to students attending a Catholic grammar school in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and to students through junior year attending a Catholic high school.

1. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have attended a Catholic grammar school for at least three years and are continuing their education at a Catholic high school in September 2016.
2. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students continuing their education at a Catholic High School in September 2016.
3. 7<sup>th</sup> grade students currently attending a Catholic grammar school and continuing at a Catholic grammar school in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (Secondary consideration)
4. Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors attending a Catholic high school and continuing their education at a Catholic high school. (Secondary consideration)
5. The family of the student applying for the scholarship is a registered and actively-supporting\* member of the parishes of St. Joseph's (Demarest), St. Mary's (Closter), Sacred Heart (Haworth), Our Lady of Victories (Harrington Park), Saint Anthony's (Northvale), Immaculate Conception (Norwood) or Saint Pius X (Old Tappan). This requirement is for a minimum of the past three years.  
**\*Meaning regular weekly attendance at Mass and demonstrated involvement with the Parish (Lector, Usher, Prayer Group, School Board, Parish Council, etc.) and financially contributing to the support of the Parish, to the extent that one is able, through the use of Parish Contribution Envelopes or FaithDirect.**
6. The family has a demonstrated financial need and such need is documented by submitting a copy of the previous year's IRS Form 1040 (block out social security numbers) and other pertinent information to demonstrate need.

In addition to the above, the following shall be considered when awarding scholarships:

1. Academic record of the student.
2. Service by the student to their Parish through altar serving, choir, youth group or other similar activities.
3. Service by the student to their community.
4. Letter (maximum of one typed page) by the student giving their qualifications for eligibility.

A student can be awarded only one scholarship from this Trust. The amount of the scholarship for a student attending either a Catholic grammar or high school shall be determined solely by the Trustees for the Trust. If no student applies for a scholarship from this Trust or no student is deemed eligible for a scholarship, the Trustees may award general scholarships to students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at a Catholic grammar school and continuing onto a Catholic high school, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at a Catholic grammar school and continuing at a Catholic grammar school for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and/or Catholic high school students through junior year. Scholarship payments will be made directly to the school toward payment of the succeeding year's tuition. Exceptions to the aforementioned can only be made by the Trustees.

**Scholarship applications are due March 31, 2016. Decisions will be made by April 30, 2017.**

E-Mail (preferred) application form and all documentation to:

[Seeds2Trees@aol.com](mailto:Seeds2Trees@aol.com)

Or mail to

**Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Student Scholarship Application  
c/o Fr. Kim  
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