

Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien 2025 Student Scholarship Criteria

The following are the conditions to be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust (Trust). Primary consideration for scholarships is toward 8th grade students continuing onto a Catholic high school. Secondary consideration is toward students attending a Catholic grammar school in 7th grade and to students through sophomore year currently attending a Catholic high school.

1. 8th 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 2024. (Primary consideration)
2. 8th grade students continuing their education at a Catholic High School in September 2024.
3. 7th grade students currently attending a Catholic grammar school and continuing at a Catholic grammar school in 8th grade. (Secondary consideration)
4. Freshmen and sophomores 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 attendance at Mass and financially contributing to the support of the Parish, to the extent that one is able using Parish Contribution Envelopes, on-line donations or other. Please note any parental participation in Parish activities (Lector, Usher, Prayer Group, School Board, Parish Council, etc.).**
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 is 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 and/or to their school.
3. Service by the student to their community.
4. Letter (maximum of one typed page) by the student giving reasons they are deserving of a scholarship.

A student can only receive one scholarship from this Trust. Trustee(s) will determine the amount of each scholarship. If there are no applicants in a given year or it is determined no student is eligible for a scholarship, the Trustee(s) may award:

- General scholarships to students in 8th grade at a Catholic grammar school and continuing onto a Catholic high school;
- General scholarships to 7th grade students at a Catholic grammar school and continuing at a Catholic grammar school for 8th grade; and/or
- General Scholarships to Catholic high school students through sophomore year. The Trust sends the award directly to the school. Only Trustees can make exceptions to the aforementioned.

Scholarship applications are due by March 28, 2025. Decisions anticipated on or about April 25, 2025.

E-Mail application form and all documentation to:

seeds2trees@aol.com

Or mail to

**Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Student Scholarship Application
c/o Raymond Cywinski
256 County Road
Demarest, NJ 07627**

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2025 Application Form**

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Student Name

Date

Street Address

Phone

City

State

Zip Code

Email

Name of Parish

Current Grade

School Currently Attending

Dates

Previous School Attended

Dates

Name of School attending in Sep. 2025

Address of School

I have enclosed the following documents:

_____ A copy of last year's IRS Form 1040 (block out all social security numbers) along with any other pertinent information that demonstrates **financial need**.

_____ A copy of the student applicant's academic record (i.e. most recent report card)

_____ A letter from the student applicant outlining qualifications for the scholarship, including involvement in their school, parish and/or community.

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Date Received: _____

Amount Awarded: _____

Date Awarded: _____

Receiving School: _____