



The Cathedral Parish of St. Columba  
144 West Wood Street Youngstown, OH 44503  
Telephone: 330-744-5233

### **The William Fitzsimons Memorial Scholarship**

#### *Application Process/Instructions:*

The scholarship is available to students who intend enrollment at Cardinal Mooney or Ursuline High Schools.

Students must be **active** parishioners of St. Columba Cathedral Parish (St. Columba, St. Edward, or Sts. Peter and Paul) for at least one calendar year.

Selection is based on academics, leadership, service and need and is open to students who currently attend public and parochial/private school.

- **Application is due February 24, 2025** for the following school year.
- Eighth grade and renewal candidates must have the reference form completed by the stated deadline. References should be attached to the scholarship application form in a sealed envelope.
- Parents must file the Student Aid Form (FACTS). This can be done through either high school. A nominal fee is required.
- A brief interview will be arranged with the Scholarship Committee.

Recipient(s) will be notified by mail.

Participation in parish events is expected of the recipients.

Scholarship is **not** automatically renewable. Students must apply annually by the deadline and show academic progress and commitment to the parish.

Funds provided through the generous foresight and contribution of the late William Fitzsimons, a long-standing member of St. Columba who believed in and supported Catholic Education. *Distribution of funds contingent upon annual availability. Award amount may vary annually. For questions or assistance, please contact the rectory.*

Check one:

- Initial Application  
  Renewal Application

The Parish of St. Columba Cathedral  
The William Fitzsimons Memorial Scholarship

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City State Zip

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from student) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date/Place \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Date/Place \_\_\_\_\_

Member of St. Columba, St. Edward, Sts. Peter and Paul since \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in Fall \_\_\_\_\_  
(month & year)

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Telephone

Have you registered at Ursuline or Cardinal Mooney High School yet?  
\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes (If yes, which one?) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you filed the student financial aid form (FACTS)?  
\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes If yes, with which high school? \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** For each of the criteria below, write a short explanation which describes how you meet each of the qualifications. Descriptions should be specific (i.e. include club or activities' names, office held, any honors you may have received, projects in which you are involved.

- Commitment to Academics: consistently making an effort to develop your God-given abilities.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Participation in School Activities: club membership & leadership roles, projects, athletics, class events, school or community organizations participation.

- **Current participation in Parish Activities:** altar server, Coffee/Donuts, Christmas Decorating, Mass (time) and which worship site.
  
- Christian Example: speaking and acting with respect for others and their property; willingness to live by Christian values in making everyday choices. Which Christian values do you use on a daily basis?
  
- Describe what it means to be an **ACTIVE** member of St. Columba? How have you been and plan to continue to be an active member of the parish?
  
- Catholic education is important to me because:

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return application form to:

**Deadline: February 24, 2025**

Scholarship Committee  
Saint Columba Cathedral  
Att. Sr. Martha Reed  
144 West Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503

- Student, check one:
- Current Eighth Grade Student
  - Renewal Applicant

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**Reference Form**

**This part is to be filled out by applicant.**

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_  
Will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ High School in the Fall  
Current reported GPA/average \_\_\_\_\_

**To be filled out by school reference personnel.** Please place this reference form in a business/school envelope and seal it before returning to the student. **Reference is due with the application form to the St. Columba Scholarship Committee by February 24, 2025.**

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_  
Position or Title (teacher, principal, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA /average if known \_\_\_\_\_  
How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

Please comment on this student's academic progress and commitment to meeting his or her individual potential.

Is the student attending class regularly? Please comment.

Is the student involved in school or community service projects?

What are the student's greatest strengths?

Are there any concerns that the Scholarship Committee should know about when considering this applicant for the award?

Further comments, if any

Reference Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Saint Columba Cathedral  
Activity Involvement Check List**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

I am <b>currently involved</b> in these parish activities as checked below:	I would like to get more involved in St. Columba Parish's activities as checked below:
<input type="checkbox"/> Altar server	<input type="checkbox"/> Altar server
<input type="checkbox"/> Reader	<input type="checkbox"/> Reader
<input type="checkbox"/> Usher assistants	<input type="checkbox"/> Usher assistants
<input type="checkbox"/> Decorate church for Christmas/Easter	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorate church for Christmas/Easter
<input type="checkbox"/> Parish events	<input type="checkbox"/> Parish events
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain
<input type="checkbox"/> Other; please explain:	

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_