



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 at the end of April 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 is contingent upon annual availability. Award amount may vary annually. For questions or assistance, please contact the office.*

Check one:

- Initial Application
 Renewal Application

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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, OSU
144 West Wood Street
Youngstown, OH 44503

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

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This scholarship is available to students who intend enrollment in Ursuline or Cardinal Mooney High School and who are active members of St. Columba (St. Columba, St. Edward, and Sts. Peter and Paul) for at least one calendar year prior to application. Student applicants will demonstrate continuing commitment to academics, show leadership and service and parish participation. FACTS needs analysis is also required.

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 currently involved in these parish activities as checked below:	I would like to get more involved in St. Columba Parish's activities as checked below:
___ Altar server	___ Altar server
___ Reader	___ Reader
___ Usher assistants	___ Usher assistants
___ Decorate church for Christmas/Easter	___ Decorate church for Christmas/Easter
___ Parish events	___ Parish events
___ Other; please explain:	___ Other, please explain

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent approval _____ Date _____