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LEADING THE WAY:

APPLY TO BECOME A MADONNA SCHOLAR

Thank you for your interest in the Madonna Foundation Scholarship Program. Online applications for the 2024-2025 school year will be available through the Madonna Foundation website from February 1, 2024 to March 15, 2024.

Madonna Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Before completing the online portion of the application, please be sure you meet the following requirements:

- Applying for admission to one of our partner all-girl Catholic schools as a freshman or as a returning Madonna Scholar. Our partner high schools include: Josephinum Academy, Resurrection High School, Trinity High School, Regina Dominican, Our Lady of Tepeyac and Mother McAuley High School.
- Our income requirement for new incoming applicants is \$20,000 per person in the family per year or less. For example, a family of 4 with a total annual income of \$80,000 or less would be eligible to apply; a family of 4 with a total annual income of more than \$80,000 per year would not be eligible.
- **Applicants must complete through their high school a financial aid application by the school due date.**

Madonna Scholar Expectations

If a scholarship award is offered to a student, the student and a parent must sign a **Scholarship Agreement** accepting the terms of the scholarship. This agreement acknowledges that the Madonna Foundation shares financial and academic records with the high schools, and it also includes a photo release for scholars.

Madonna Scholars are expected to do the following:

1. Maintain an acceptable academic, discipline and attendance record at school, demonstrating effort. Madonna Scholars are expected to maintain a minimum of a "C" Grade in all subjects. Students falling below a "C" average will be placed on academic probation with the Madonna Foundation. Weekly tutoring will be required either through the school or through the Foundation and paid for by the Madonna Foundation if necessary.
2. Attend and participate in Madonna Scholars' programming throughout the year. Each scholar is required to attend events and should plan on spending an average of 5 hours per month dedicated to Madonna Foundation programming.
3. Respond to the Madonna Foundation Director and /or Scholarship Manager in a timely matter. Scholars and guardians are expected to be responsive to the Foundation, returning phone calls and emails within 2 business days.
4. Cases of noncompliance will be reviewed by Madonna Foundation's administration and may result in termination of the scholarship.

Madonna Scholarship Application Process

Once you verify that you are eligible to apply and understand the scholarship expectations, please gather the necessary information to complete the online application. The online application is available February 1 – March 15, 2024.

Completed applications for ***first time Madonna Scholars applicants*** will include:

- An on-line questionnaire to be completed by the student and an essay (limit essay to 350 words or less).
- An on-line questionnaire to be completed by a guardian, including financial information. The guardian will need a W2, 990, or current pay stub in order to complete this information. (Financial information will be verified with the school).
- A completed recommendation form from a current teacher or school administrator. You will need to contact this teacher and have them complete an online recommendation form through the Madonna Foundation website. See [Recommendation Form](#) for further instructions. It is important that we receive this recommendation email back no later than March 15, 2024.
- **Applicants must complete a school financial aid application through their high school by March 15, 2024.**
- New freshman students will need to upload a copy of their most recent 8th grade report cards from their junior high school. High Schools will provide entrance exam scores on incoming students.

Completed applications for ***returning Madonna Scholars applicants*** will include:

- An on-line questionnaire to be completed by the student and a brief essay (limit essay to 350 words or less).
- An on-line questionnaire to be completed by a guardian, including financial information. The guardian will need a W2, 990, or current pay stub in order to complete this information. (Financial information will be verified with the school).
- A completed recommendation form from a current teacher or school administrator. You will need to contact this teacher and have them complete an online recommendation form through the Madonna Foundation website. See [Recommendation Form](#) for further instructions. It is important that we receive this recommendation email back no later than March 15, 2024.
- Applicants must complete a school financial aid application through their high school by March 15, 2024.

IMPORTANT NOTE WHILE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:

- Students and a guardian should plan to spend at least 1 hour completing the online application after all information is gathered.
- **The deadline for the online submission is March 15, 2024 at Midnight.**

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about eligibility, expectations, or the application process, please contact:

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