

## 2020-2019 SON OF A SAINT SCHOLARS GUIDE

*Son of a Saint Scholars* is a School Tuition Organization (STO), selected by the Louisiana Department of Education to help facilitate the state's Tuition Donation Credit (TDC) Program. As an STO, *Son of a Saint Scholars* will be receiving and reviewing applications, selecting recipients, and awarding scholarships that will be used to fund tuition at Holy Cross School and St. Augustine High School.

### ELIGIBILITY

Who is eligible?

- Rising 4th-12th grade students (*not* limited to Son of a Saint young men) who meet the following eligibility criteria:
  - Family household income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty guidelines, as established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget
  - Family resides in Louisiana
  - Participated in the TDC Program during 2019-2020 **or** participated in the Louisiana Scholarship program in 2019 **or** attended public school in Louisiana on October 1st and February 1st of 2019-2020 school year

What nonpublic schools accept Son of a Saint Scholars tuition assistance?

- In order to receive tuition assistance through Son of a Saint Scholars, applicants are limited to enrollment at Holy Cross School and St. Augustine High School.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

What is the amount of the scholarship and how is it determined?

- 2020-2021 scholarships are \$4,412.17 (or the cost of tuition, whichever is less) for 4th-8th graders and \$4,963.69 for 9th-12th graders (or the cost of tuition, whichever is less).
- Scholarship amounts reset each year and cannot exceed the lesser of either the school's tuition and mandatory fees or 80% of the state average per pupil funding for grades K through 8 and 90% of the state average per pupil funding for grades 9 through 12.

Are families required to pay the difference between the scholarship amount and the school's tuition/fees?

- Yes, families are responsible for covering any tuition/fees in excess of the tuition award amount.

If my child is awarded a scholarship, is my child's acceptance to the school that I indicated interest in on my application guaranteed?

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- No, once a scholarship is awarded, the student must then apply to a nonpublic school. A scholarship does not guarantee admission. Scholarships will ultimately be issued pending the verification of enrollment at a partnering nonpublic school.

What if my child is awarded a scholarship, but the school isn't the right fit and I am looking to transfer schools?

- If your child is awarded a scholarship, the funds are portable and may be used at any partner nonpublic school, pending acceptance to that school. For Son of a Saint Scholars, those schools are: Holy Cross School and St. Augustine High School.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

When will applications open?

- Our application will open at 9:00am on Tuesday, March 31st, 2020. It will remain open until 9:00am on Tuesday, April 14th, 2020. Please note: we may close before the deadline depending on the number of applications received.

How do I apply?

- Applicants may apply directly through Son of a Saint Scholars at [www.sonofasaint.org](http://www.sonofasaint.org) under the tab SCHOLARS. There will be a link directing applications to TADS, which is a third party application processor. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to students who received a scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year.

Is there an application fee?

- Yes, there is a \$42 application fee for each applicant due at the time that the application is submitted.

When will I be notified of my application status?

- Applicants will be notified via email, phone, and/or a letter by June 30th, 2020.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If my child receives tuition assistance through Son of a Saint Scholars, is my child admitted as a mentee into the Son of a Saint program?

- No, Son of a Saint Scholars is a distinct program separate from Son of a Saint. Receipt of Son of a Saint Scholars tuition assistance does not mean that your child has been admitted into the Son of a Saint program as a mentee.

Where can I find more information about the Tuition Donation Credit Program?

- More information can be found on the [Louisiana Department of Education's website](http://Louisiana Department of Education's website).

*Questions? Please call (504) 561-7508*