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 March 2, 2026** 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 parish 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_____

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  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: Scholarship Committee
                                           Saint Columba Cathedral
                                           Att. Sr. Martha Reed
Deadline: March 2, 2026   144 West Wood Street
                                           Youngstown, OH 44503

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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 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 March 2, 2026.**

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) _____

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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_____