



St. Pius X Catholic High School

...Affording Excellence

Financial Assistance and Scholarship Guide



Mission Statement

St. Pius X Catholic High School is a Catholic community dedicated to the education of the whole person in an environment where extraordinary care and concern for the individual is ordinary.

A Catholic high school education is an investment in the future. For nearly 200 years, the Catholic education system in St. Louis has provided a rich educational experience for its students and families.

It is the mission of the Church to share the gift of a Catholic education with anyone who truly desires it. Many families are in need of assistance in making the dreams of future success for their child a reality. To this end, over 80% of St. Pius X families receive tuition assistance. We recognize the sacrifice families undergo to make the dream of a Catholic education a reality and we stand ready to help in any way possible.

Tuition

Tuition for the 2025-2026 academic year is \$11,655.

Discounts

- \$200 discount for tuition paid in full by August 31 (not eligible if receiving financial aid)
- \$450 discount given to families who are registered and active in their Catholic parish
- Multiple children in attendance discount:
 - \$600 discount for your second child
 - \$1,000 discount for your third child
 - \$11,655 discount for your fourth child

Payment Plans

Quarterly - Ten Month - Twelve Month

Set up your online payment schedule using the FACTS website:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3G6V3>

How to Apply

Financial Assistance

St. Pius X Financial Aid

To apply for St. Pius X financial aid and/or to be considered for our Work Study program, you must complete the online FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment between January 1, 2026 and February 23, 2026. <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3G6V3>

Note: If you are applying for St. Pius X financial aid, you should also be applying for assistance through the Archdiocese.

Archdiocese of St. Louis - Tuition Assistance

Beyond Sunday/Catholic Family Tuition Assistance (CFTA)/Parish Employee Endowment Fund (PEEF): The Archdiocese of St. Louis' scholarship application is due in February 2026. To learn more apply at <http://www.ttef-stl.org/scholarships>.

Outside Scholarships

Outside scholarships may be available through various organizations such as your parish, your child's elementary school, the Knights of Columbus, and CYC, for example. Please contact these organizations directly.

St. Pius X Scholarships & Awards

There are need based and merit based scholarships. Simply follow the criteria required for each separate scholarship or award.

First Responders

St. Pius X appreciates first responders and the sacrifices they and their families make for our communities. Aid is available for children of full-time police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and/or active-duty military personnel who file a FACTS financial aid application and demonstrate financial need.

Standard Application Process

(used for most scholarships and awards)

To apply: Essays must be typed and must include only the scholarship name at the top. Do not include your name anywhere on or in the essays.

All essays must be submitted together in a single envelope. Write your name on the front of the envelope and submit it to the main office no later than March 13, 2026.

Academic Scholarships (Renewable)

OPEN TO INCOMING FRESHMEN

Students will not need to submit a separate application for academic scholarships.
These scholarships are merit-based.

President's Scholarship (\$2,000)

- Students who score in the 98th-99th percentile on standardized testing/placement test.
- Must enroll in at least 3 honors courses each year.

Renewable by maintaining a 3.7 GPA and be current in service hours by August 1 of the following school year.

Principal's Scholarship (\$1,500)

- Students who score in the 90th-97th percentile on standardized testing/placement test.
- Must enroll in at least 1 honors course each year

Renewable by maintaining a 3.7 GPA and be current in service hours by August 1 of the following school year.

St. Pius X Scholarship (\$1,000)

- Students who score in the 80th-89th percentile on standardized testing/placement test.

Renewable by maintaining a 3.5 GPA and be current in service hours by August 1 of the following school year.

Msgr. Deutschmann Scholarship (\$500)

- Students who score in the 75th-79th percentile on standardized testing/placement test.

Renewable by maintaining a 3.0 GPA and be current in service hours by August 1 of the following school year.

Disclaimer:

Scholarships are subject to funding and availability. St. Pius X reserves the right to withdraw or amend any listed scholarship without prior notification. The scholarships offered by St. Pius X Catholic High School are for studying at St. Pius X only. We do not provide scholarships to enable students to study at other institutions.

Scholarship recipients can donate awarded funds to St. Pius X Catholic High School and still be recognized as a scholarship recipient.

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Alumni Association Award

Proceeds gained from the annual StPX = Trivia Night are used to fund multiple awards. Eligibility to be considered is based on the following criteria:

- Incoming freshman is a child of a St. Pius X graduate

Using the Standard Application Process on page 3:

- Parent submits a one page, one sided essay on “*What impact St. Pius X Catholic High School had on my life.*”
- Student submits a one page, one sided essay on “*What will I bring to St. Pius X Catholic High School?*”



Basler Family Scholarship (Renewable)

Two need-based \$1,000 scholarships are awarded and are renewable every year. *Applicants must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment and will be automatically considered for the scholarship. In addition the applicant must be enrolled and in good standing with Sacred Heart PSR or Our Lady PSR.*

The Basler family has been involved with our St. Pius X family since 2007. After sending three children through St. Pius X Catholic High School, the Baslers are familiar with what students can achieve here if given the opportunity.

Renewable every year based on maintaining a 3.0 cumulative GPA (weighted grade scale) at the end of the year along with no unsatisfactory marks in conduct.

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Bridge Family Goldman Sachs Scholarship (Renewable)

Four need-based renewable \$2,400 scholarships are awarded per grade, for a total of 16 scholarships. *Applicants must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment and will be automatically considered for the scholarship.*

In honor of Matt and Betty Bridge, this scholarship was founded to assist students in attaining an excellent education at St. Pius X. Matt and Betty Bridge were educators in both the Catholic and public school systems, beginning their career in a one-room schoolhouse in Blackwell, Missouri. Matt and Betty impacted the lives of a generation of students attending De Soto Public Schools, St. Rose of Lima, and the Lindbergh school district. Students fondly remember the love and care shown by them. Their daughter, St. Pius X Catholic High School alumni Betsy (Bridge) Bousquette '85, funds this scholarship in memory of her parents' lifetime of selfless service to Missouri's youth.



Renewable every year based on maintaining a 3.0 cumulative GPA (weighted grade scale) at

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The Gary Dierks Family Scholarship

Two need-based \$500 scholarships are awarded. *Applicants must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment and will be automatically considered for the scholarship. In addition the freshman applicant must have completed their primary education in an Archdiocesan school.*

Gary Dierks class of 1986 St. Pius X alumni has a love for education and wants to give back to his alma mater. Gary's two sisters and nephews all called St. Pius X home. His hope is that another family just like his, is able to send their children to St. Pius X for an amazing education.

The applicant must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA (weighted grade scale) along with no unsatisfactory marks in conduct.

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OPEN TO ALL

Please write ONE essay to be eligible for all the below awards.

Submit a 150-200 word essay describing how a mentor or role model has influenced your life and why this influence motivates you. Submit your essay using the Standard Application Process on page 3. Title your essay “Open to All.”

Earl Bayer Award

One \$250 award in honor of Earl Bayer, past parent

Ralph Boyer Award

One \$300 award in memory of Ralph Boyer, retired teacher/Athletic Director

Michelle Burkart Memorial Award

One \$100 award in memory of Michelle Burkart, class of 1998

De Soto Knights of Columbus Award

One \$100 award in honor of the De Soto Knights of Columbus

Dolan Family Memorial Award

One \$350 award in memory of the Dolan family

Chris Kutilek Memorial Award

One \$100 award in memory of Chris Kutilek, class of 1990

Leonard Family Award

One \$100 award in honor of the Leonard family

Katie Senkel Memorial Award

Two \$250 awards in memory of Katie Senkel, class of 1999

Amanda Smith Memorial Award

One \$500 award in memory of Amanda Smith, class of 1996

Lester, Leslie & Blondell Underwood Family Award

Two \$200 awards in honor of the Underwood family

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OPEN TO ALL

Donnie Herrell Memorial & H.W. Herrell

Distributing Scholarship

One need-based \$1,000 scholarship awarded. *Applicants must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment and will be automatically considered for the scholarship.*



Donnie Herrell, class of 1968, passed away at the young age of 63. Being a devout Catholic and a local Jefferson County business owner, he always believed in giving back to his community. The company legacy that began in 1923 carries on today through Donnie's sister, and current President of H.W. Herrell Distributing, Carol Ann Herrell-Schanz. *In addition the applicant must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA (weighted grade scale) along with no unsatisfactory marks in conduct.*

Father Bertin Miller Memorial Scholarship

Two need-based renewable \$2,500 scholarships awarded. *Applicants must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment and will be automatically considered for the scholarship.*

Fr. Bertin William Miller, ordained in 1964, was a dedicated Franciscan priest who will be remembered for his never ending passion to serve youth in need. Fr. Bert was the founding director of Evergreen Hills Homes in Dittmer, MO, providing sanctuary for court appointed youth in Jefferson County, first starting with young boys then expanding to young girls. Fr. Bert also started and was the spiritual foundation for a faith renewal center called Il Ritiro, "Little Retreat". He served in many capacities within the Franciscan order and served in parishes in Minnesota, Illinois and Missouri. He served as confessor and spiritual advisor for many priests, deacons and religious throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis and served as chaplain for the Jefferson County Sheriff's department, the Farmington Correctional Center and Cedar Hill Fire Department. Fr. Bert's legacy of selfless sacrifice and giving will be his legacy which will live on through Catholic education.

In addition the applicant must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA (weighted grade scale) and be current with their service hours.

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Gloria Schraut Endowment

Multiple need-based scholarships are awarded. *Applicants must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment and will be automatically considered for the scholarship.*

Gloria Dunn-Schraut, a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Imperial MO passed away in 2021 at the beautiful age of 96. Through her generous planned giving gift, the Gloria Schraut Endowment Fund was developed as an education fund to help students from St. Joseph Catholic School (Imperial) to further their Catholic education at St. Pius X Catholic High School.

Cadet Thomas Surdyke Memorial Scholarship

Multiple \$2,000 awards in memory of Thomas Michael Surdyke, class of 2015

Thomas Surdyke, St. Pius X Class of 2015, received an appointment to the United States Military Academy - West Point. Thomas had completed his plebe (freshman) year and was on a summer break at the beach. Thomas, along with another young man who could not swim, got caught in a rip tide. Thomas kept the young man above water and using the last of his strength, lifted him up onto a paddle board brought by rescuers, thus saving his life. Thomas died due to complications from drowning, though he was a strong swimmer. He was posthumously awarded the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest award for valor in non-combat situations. Thomas was laid to rest, with full military honors, at West Point on July 4th, which would have been his 19th birthday.



The Cadet Thomas Surdyke Memorial Foundation was established to inspire and develop young leaders of character through curriculum, scholarship and programs for middle and high school students.

The applicant must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA (weighted grade scale). To apply, write an essay about a time when someone else looked to you to be a leader. What did you do? How did you respond? In addition to the essay, please submit a one page document listing your personal accomplishments. Submit using the Standard Application Process on page 3.

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Karli Elizabeth Payne Memorial Scholarship

One \$500 scholarship is awarded.

Karli was a dearly loved student at Our Lady School in Festus and she would have been an 8th grade student during the 22/23 school year. She was known to be a good student, a leader, a loved and loyal friend, and an athlete that enjoyed playing volleyball and softball. Her favorite hobby was to bake and decorate cakes in her free time. She also loved doing the scripture readings during the Our Lady School's weekly mass.



Although she was only 13 years old, she had big dreams. She planned on attending St. Pius X Catholic High School and she had already narrowed her college choices down to two college universities.

Karli passed away July 4, 2022, at 3:16 p.m., from the complications of a tragic accident. The positive impacts of her memorable life will continue to live on thanks to her friends, family, and the mission of the Karli Elizabeth Payne Memorial Fund, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

To apply write a 350-400 word essay explaining what the verse John 3:16 means to you and how it impacts your life. Submit your essay using the Standard Application Process on page 3.

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Charles & Patricia Pierce Family Scholarship

Two need-based \$1,000 scholarships awarded. *Applicants must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment and will be automatically considered for the scholarship.*

The legacy of Charlie and Pat Pierce is a selfless commitment to supporting Catholic education. Long after their children Tom '82, Tim '85, and Mary '87 graduated from St. Pius X, both Charlie and Pat volunteered countless hours in support of St. Pius. The Pierce family wants to make sure other families are able to positively impact their children with a St. Pius Catholic education experience.

In addition the applicant must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA (weighted grade scale) along with no unsatisfactory marks in conduct and are current with service hours.

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Coach Bill and Carol Schmidt Family Award

One \$1,000 scholarship awarded.

Bill and Carol Schmidt spent the better part of 50 years advancing the mission of St. Pius X. The couple brought 3 young daughters with them to St. Pius X in 1970. Coach Bill was a teacher, head football coach and coached track, boys basketball. Bill returned to St. Pius X in retirement and coached for another 15 years. Coach Bill died in August 2021 at the age of 80.



Bill was a great example for his players, his students, his colleagues and fellow coaches. He was a classic team player. Coach Bill was a believer in the game of fair play and always expected a clean fair game. Carol served as a secretary for 26 years and often said, being a secretary was not a job but more of a vocation, knowing, helping, and caring for thousands of kids and meeting their extraordinary parents. She was best known for being instrumental in establishing the annual auction. In addition, she is credited for coining the phrase, “The St. Pius Way.”

The award is NOT based on the student’s success in academics or athletics, but rather based on determination to be a team player in all areas of life in school, in family, and in the community.

To apply write a 150 word essay by selecting a quote that you use for personal motivation which reflects teamwork or the slogan, The St. Pius Way. Include examples on how this quote has served as a guide. Submit your essay using the Standard Application Process on page 3.

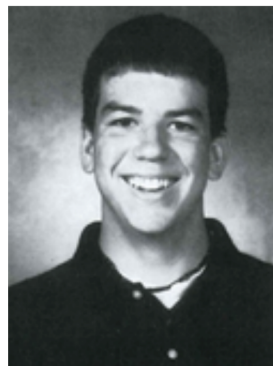
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Andy Mann Memorial Award

One \$1,000 award given to a senior in memory of Andy Mann, class of 2003

Write an essay in answer to a topic chosen by Andy's family which exhibits characteristics reminiscent of Andy. An email with the topic will be sent to juniors from the principal during the school year. The award winner is announced at Leadership Day senior year. Submit your essay using the Standard Application Process on page 3. The Mann family will choose the recipient.



Alycia Zebrowski Memorial Award

Two \$500 awards given to seniors in memory of Alycia Zebrowski, class of 2004

Explain in a 200 word essay the importance of community/Christian service and how this service affects your life. Submit your essay using the Standard Application Process on page 3.



Nicole Riley Memorial Award

One \$1,000 award in memory of Nicole Riley, sister of Stuart Riley '16, who passed away in 2014 due to complications with Neurofibromatosis

You must be current with your service hours. To apply write a 300 word MLA format essay describing a time in your life in which your action(s) showed selfless service (this should include work outside of service hours). Submit your essay using the Standard Application Process on page 3. The Riley family will choose the recipient.

Outside College Scholarship Opportunities

The St. Pius X College Counselor works throughout the year to help students and parents understand the complexities of the college admissions process and provide information regarding available scholarship opportunities. If you have questions regarding the college admissions process, please contact Mr. Ken Halter at (636) 931-7487, ext. 143 or by email at khalter@stpius.com.



This brochure is an overview of the many opportunities St. Pius X Catholic High School offers with the goal of making a Catholic education affordable for every family.

If at any time you have questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact:

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