

Scholarship & Tuition Support Options for Ascension Families



Most tuition assistance options begin with an application to the Private School Aid Service. A **PSAS (Private School Aid Service)** application must be completed and sent in with a \$21 handling fee by April 1. Applications may be picked up at registration time (February) in the Ascension School office or an online application may be accessed from the school website.

Education Ascension - Tuition Assistance - In the 2009-10 school year this fund provided K-8 tuition assistance to over 40 children from over 20 Ascension parish families with a total of over \$40,000 in financial assistance to attend Ascension School. A PSAS (Private School Aid Service) application must be completed (see details above). **For the 2010-11 school year all families applying for parish Education Ascension tuition assistance are asked to apply for PACE (Parents Advancing Choice in Education) support as well. See PACE information.**

Cassano's Foundation Scholarships - A PSAS (Private School Aid Service) application must be completed and sent in with a \$20 handling fee by April 1. Applications may be picked up at registration time (February) in the Ascension School office. The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Office at the Trinity Center reviews all PSAS applications for the Dayton Deanery and makes tuition assistance grants based upon the most need.

Bernie Melvin Scholarship Fund - The scholarship is available to students of families who have a parent serving as a teacher or administrator in the school. Each family has received a tuition credit of an amount in the range of \$400-\$500 for each child in their family attending Ascension School. There is no application. This award is automatically made each fall.

Ascension PTO Tuition Prizes - Parent participation in any of the PTO Open Houses entitles families to receive an additional chance for one of two year end Tuition Prizes of \$400 apiece. Parents may also receive additional chances for the Tuition prize for each evening they donate their volunteer services working at the Thursday night Ascension BINGO. There can be no direct compensation or tuition reduction issued by the school for working at the Ascension BINGO according to state laws regarding BINGO.

Partnerships 4 Success - In January a mailing is sent to 24,000 Catholic families in the Dayton area explaining the goal of Partnerships 4 Success. The purpose of the letter is to gauge Catholic family interest in matching part time work with families who would like to use part time income to better afford Catholic education for their children. Part-time jobs are available for high school age students and parents. The director is George Molinsky and he may be reached for more information at 937-433-1188 x 213. Over 30 families and 50 students have benefited from this program at Ascension alone.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards – This award recognizes young people for volunteer service in their communities. A School Award winner may be selected from applications and be eligible for statewide recognition. State winners may win an unrestricted award of \$6,000, a medallion and a trip to Washington DC. Gr. 5-8 students may apply. The application deadline is in October. Applications may be picked up at in the school or parish offices in September.

Leadership, Service and Achievement Recognition Opportunities for Ascension Youth



Knights of Columbus/Serra Club Youth in Ministry Award

This award honors young people in grades 7-12 who have given consistently good service to the church during the past year. The award congratulates young people for their worthwhile deeds and encourages them to continue to minister in the Catholic Church. Recognition is reserved for those youth who truly distinguish themselves within the parish. The parish staff is allowed to nominate a maximum of 15 each February. The awards ceremony takes place in April, bringing together all nominees from Dayton area parishes.

President's Education Awards

Awarded to Ascension School 8th grade students. There are two types of awards. The first is the **President's Award for Educational Excellence**. The second is the President's Award for Educational Achievement. To qualify for the President's Award for Educational Excellence a student must have:

- Earned either the equivalent of a 90% or better on a traditional grading scale or an A- or better grade point average in all subjects in the 6th - 8th grade.
- Achieved in the 85th percentile or higher in math or reading on standardized achievement tests.

The **Presidents Award for Educational Achievement** is given to those students who show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects, but they do not meet the criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Fr. Rudy Award

The Fr. Rudy Award, honors our second pastor of Ascension Parish. This award is open to any 8th grade student of Ascension School or Religious Ed. Program. Recipients of the Fr. Rudy Award may be nominated by anyone associated with Ascension Parish. Recipients of the Fr. Rudy Award must exemplify the aspects of the Ascension Athletic philosophy, as follows:

1. Be a role model to other participants of superior Christian attitude and values;
2. Demonstrate the qualities of sportsmanship, fair play and team play.

Contests & Essays

Students in upper grade classrooms Gr. 6-8 may participate in a variety of essay contests including Dor-wood Optimist Essay Contest, VFW "Patriot's Pen" Essay Contest, and the Dottie Yeck Good Life Award through the Washington – Centerville Public Library. Some of these contests offer cash prizes.

National Geography Bee & Scripps Spelling Bee

Ascension school students have the opportunity to participate in school wide contests that may qualify them for city, state and even possibly national competition.

High School Tuition Assistance & Scholarship Opportunities for Ascension Families



Education Ascension - Fr. Witzman Scholarship

For any students from Ascension Parish planning to attend a Gr. 9-12 Catholic High School next school year. Three (3) scholarships are awarded for \$600 apiece. Application materials may be obtained through the Ascension parish, RE or school offices. Application by Mar. 1.

Ascension PTO Scholarship

For any Ascension School 8th grader planning to enroll in Gr. 9 at an area Catholic High School. Three (3) scholarships are awarded for \$400 apiece. Application materials may be obtained through the Ascension parish, RE or school offices. Application by March 1.

Archbishop Alter College Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is to assist graduating senior high school students in the Archdiocese who are African American and Catholic attend college. They may attend public or parochial schools, though they are urged to attend four year Catholic colleges. Application materials may be obtained through the Ascension school office or the Archdiocesan website. The annual deadline is in March.

Bill Mominee Memorial Scholarship

A \$500 per year, 4 year renewable scholarship good for any of the Catholic High Schools in Dayton (Carroll, Archbishop Alter, Chaminade Julienne) is offered to one eighth grader from one of the following schools (St. Albert, Ascension, Immaculate Conception, Holy Angels) by the Maria-Joseph Knights of Columbus Council. Application materials are usually delivered to Ascension School mid to late May. Applicants must submit an application and a 300-400 word essay to the Council.

Catholic High School Tuition Assistance

Students entering or continuing their enrollment at any Dayton Area Catholic High Schools including Carroll, Alter, Chaminade Julienne, Springfield Catholic and Bishop Fenwick may apply for tuition assistance by completing the PSAS (Private School Aid Service) application must be completed and sent in with a \$21 handling fee by March 1. Applications may be obtained from any High School Office and at Ascension School.

Carroll High School Alumni Association Scholarships

The Carroll High School Alumni Association is currently accepting applications for their annual scholarship. Scholarships in the amount of \$500-\$1,000 will be awarded this year. All 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade students who will be attending CHS next year are eligible. Applications for this scholarship can be obtained through the Carroll High School Advancement Office, (937) 253-3338 or at http://www.carrollhs.org/alum_scholar.htm. Completed applications must be returned to CHS at the end of March.

Carroll High School Scholarships

The Charles F. Eckhardt Scholarships and Rev. Victor Ries Scholarships are awarded to incoming 8th grade students in the freshmen class in the amount of \$500 to \$3,500 for tuition expenses incurred the freshmen year. The scholarships are renewable each year providing the student maintains a 3.5 GPA and is in good standing with department. Payment is made as a tuition credit to students/parents account. CHS also offers the Robert B. Brewster Memorial Scholarship for one student at \$2,000. All incoming 8th and current 9th 10th and 11th grade students who will be attending CHS in the fall are eligible. Applications must be submitted Carroll High School by March 31. Call Carroll HS at 253-3338 for applications & PSAS forms.

David Bradley Wick Foundation Scholarship

The David Bradley Wick Foundation offers a scholarship \$1,000 per year for a maximum of 4 years to individual students attending Archdiocesan and Inter-parochial High Schools of Southwestern Ohio (Dayton and Cincinnati). One student is selected from a northern division (north of Middletown) and one from the south division. The scholarship is for tuition purposes only and is paid directly to the school where the student will be attending after the candidate is officially selected and enrolled. Applications must be postmarked by April 15. Applications are available online at: <http://www.dbwfoundation.org/>

Kohl's Department Store

Kohl's will accept nominations for their 2010 Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarships Feb. 1 - March 15. If you know of a child or teen making a difference in their community, nominate him or her for a Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship! They honor young volunteers in two age categories: 6-12 and 13-18 and at three progressive levels: Store level winners (earn \$50 gift card and a certificate) Regional winners (receive \$1,000 scholarship for post secondary education) National winners (receive \$5,000 scholarship and a \$1,000 grant to the charity of their choice) Learn more about Kohl's Kids Who Care and how to nominate someone at: www.kohls.com/CommunityRelations/Community05.htm

Knights Council Leadership Award

The Knights Council of Alter High School recognizes up to two students each year who have shown exemplary leadership in their school and parish as well as involvement in volunteer, community and athletic activities. The intent is to reward eighth grade student who have made a commitment to Catholic Education and have demonstrated the true qualities of a leader. The completed application is due no later than May, 2010. Call Alter HS at 428-5394 for an application packet.

Sr. Carmen de Barros Scholarship

\$500 towards Catholic High School Tuition awarded to a Hispanic youth who writes an essay on Hispanic values. This scholarship can be renewed each year for a maximum of four years, depending on continued financial need and satisfactory academic and conduct records. Application materials may be obtained through the Ascension school office or by contacting Sr. Marge Wissman, Sisters of St. Francis, PO Box 100, Oldenburg, IN 47036. Application by April.

K-12 Tuition Assistance Options Available to Ascension Families

Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program



Ascension is a participating private school in the Ohio Educational Choice Scholarship (EdChoice) Program. This program was created by the State of Ohio to provide students from underperforming public schools the opportunity to attend participating private schools. Students currently attending a public school that has been rated in Academic Emergency or Watch for two of the past three years are eligible to apply. Dayton Public school students who will be assigned to one of the following schools in the upcoming school year are also eligible to apply.

Elementary Schools & Middle Schools

Belle Haven, PK-8	Meadowdale, PK-8
Cleveland, PK-8	Orville Wright @Grant, PK-6
E. J. Brown PK-8	Patterson/Kennedy, PK-8
Eastmont PK-8	River's Edge Montessori PK-8
Edison at Fairview, PK-7	Rosa Parks, PK-8
Fairview, PK-7	Westwood PK-8
Kemp, PK-8	Wogoman PK-8
Kiser, PK-8	World of Wonder, PK-8
Louise Troy PK-8	

High Schools

Belmont
Dunbar
Meadowdale
David H. Ponitz Career Ctr
Thurgood Marshall

Other Area Elementary Schools (Not in Dayton Public)

Jefferson Township Blairwood K-6
Trotwood Madison Park 2-5
Trotwood Madison 6-8

Students eligible for EdChoice scholarships in Dayton for the 2010-11 school year are the following:

- 1) Students who currently attend one of the schools listed above and live in the Dayton Public School (DPS) district.
- 2) Incoming kindergartners who live within the DPS district and have written documentation from Dayton Public stating that they are assigned to attend one of the schools on the list for 2010-11. They are only eligible if the district, in writing, assigns the student to an eligible building prior to the end of the application period.
- 3) Charter school students who live within the DPS district and have written documentation from Dayton Public stating that they are assigned to attend one of the schools on the list for 2010-11.

The EdChoice Scholarship is worth the full cost of tuition at the parishioner rate. EdChoice will pay up to \$4,250 of the non-parishioner rate. Parents are still responsible for the registration fee of \$100 per family. Unless families claim low income status non-Parish families are responsible for tuition that exceeds the State voucher amount (ex. \$4,500-\$4,250 = \$250.) There are no fees for books at Ascension. If the family applies for EdChoice hoping to be assigned to an eligible school, they are responsible for the application fees no matter the outcome. **The application period is Feb. 1- Apr. 16, 2010**

All income verification forms and income documentation should be mailed by the parent to the EdChoice Scholarship Program at the address listed on the front page of the income verification form. All other EdChoice-related documentation (e.g., scholarship request and renewal forms, address proof, birth certificates, etc.) should remain on file at the school.

Parents of incoming kindergartners should contact Dayton district in February to request registration information. The Dayton district offers a school selection day on Sat, Feb. 6 at Stivers High School from 12-4pm where families may select a school and will be guaranteed assignment to one of their three

choices. All later registrations, beginning March 1, must be completed at the District's Student Assignment Office:

**115 S. Ludlow Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402-1812
(937) 542-5555**

Parents must bring the following to the Dayton Public School for enrollment: birth certificate, proof of residency, photo ID, immunization record, custody papers & daycare information.

EdChoice application and renewal forms are available online now at the Ohio Department of Education website in the School Options section <http://EdChoice.ohio.gov> or may be picked up at Ascension School.

There are no income requirements for EdChoice Scholarship program eligibility. However, if ODE receives more than 14,000 applications, students who are renewing their scholarships receive first priority in a lottery, followed by students who are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Ohio Ed Choice Qualification for low-income status.	200% of Guideline Based on 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines Income	
	Annual	Monthly
Number in Family		
1	\$21,660	\$1,805
2	\$29,140	\$2,428
3	\$36,620	\$3,052
4	\$44,100	\$3,675
5	\$51,580	\$4,298
6	\$59,060	\$4,922
7	\$66,540	\$5,545
8	\$74,020	\$6,168
For each additional person add:	\$7,480	

PACE (Parents Advancing Choice in Education)



PACE is a privately funded "need based" scholarship for students residing in Montgomery County. Eligibility is determined on household size and family income. In order to be in a position to receive a scholarship a parent or guardian must come to the PACE office at 40 S. Perry St. Suite 120 (downtown Dayton next to Sinclair Community College) between 9 am-5 pm to register to become part of the "wait list" and Parent Network. Parents must attend a follow-up orientation to become fully registered. There is no deadline to apply, however there is an 18-24 month wait. The scholarship is guaranteed for 4 years and is renewable. Additional years are possible providing funding is available. Students already enrolled in private schools or who are home schooled are eligible. Ascension is a participating school and has had a number of families receive scholarships in the past. Contact the PACE office at (937) 228-PACE (7223) for any assistance and/or concerns or visit the website - www.pacedayton.org/index.html

PACE Scholarship Annual Income Eligibility Scale for 2009-10 Current School Year			
Maximum Income Based on Total Annual 2008 Income			
Household Size	Up to 75% Tuition (100% Poverty)	Up to 50% Tuition (185% Poverty)	Up to 25% Tuition (270% Poverty)
2	\$13,690	\$25,327	\$36,963
3	\$17,170	\$31,765	\$46,359
4	\$20,650	\$38,203	\$55,755
5	\$24,130	\$44,641	\$65,151
6	\$27,610	\$51,079	\$74,547
7	\$31,090	\$57,517	\$83,943
8	\$34,570	\$63,955	\$93,339
	For each additional child add \$3,480	For each additional child add \$6,438	For each additional child add \$9,396