



Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools

Jo and Gus Berkes Scholarship

Guidelines and Criteria for 2026-2027 Grants

The Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS) invites applications for the Jo and Gus Berkes Scholarship for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

1. The Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools will award one (1) **4 yr renewable scholarship** from the Jo and Gus Berkes Scholarship Fund to a student entering St. Paul Catholic High School.
2. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of **financial need** (according to the usual procedure in place at the Archdiocesan High Schools) and **academic excellence**.
3. Interested candidates/families (students currently in 8th grade at **any school, public or private**) should complete the Scholarship Application Form and submit it with all supporting documentation to the 8th grade Principal.
4. The student's 8th grade Principal is to complete the Principal Certification section of the Application and attest the application is complete. The application must be forwarded with all supporting documentation to the Archdiocesan High School by the due date established by the High School for review and submission to FACS.
5. **A copy of the student's most recent report card must be included with the application documentation.**
6. Completed application forms with all supporting materials are to be forwarded (by the school) to the Foundation of the Advancement of Catholic Schools office **on or before Friday, March 6, 2026**. Supporting materials required to accompany the scholarship application are spelled out on the application form. **FACS will not accept applications that are incomplete, have missing supporting documentation and/or submitted after the due date.**

Renewable awards are conditional upon the High School providing documentation to FACS each year which verifies that the student remains enrolled, is in good academic standing and has continued financial need.