

Fr. Steve Tokarski Memorial Scholarship Guidelines
Billings Catholic Schools

1. Applicants must be registered members of St. Pius X Parish and registered in the Billings Catholic School system.
- 2. In addition to the completed application form, applicants need to submit one letter of recommendation, from a non - family member to attest to their social and academic achievements, a copy of their most recent report card or transcript and an essay of 500 words or less describing their involvement in church, school or community youth organizations. The letter should also indicate why they want to attend Billings Catholic Schools and why they should be considered for the scholarship.**
3. Financial need will be the primary consideration for applicant selection.
4. Applications will be received at the parish office and then submitted to the Billings Catholic Schools Foundation.
5. The BCS Foundation will select three or more finalists based on need first, then academic desire and performance. The names of the finalists will be forwarded to the St. Pius X Development Committee for final selection.
6. Two or more scholarships may be awarded at the end of each school year, determined by splitting the amount of the endowment proceeds issued by the Billings Catholic School Foundation. The scholarship amount may vary from year to year depending on the endowment proceeds. The Development Committee, at its discretion, may decide not to award a scholarship(s) in a year.
7. The applicant may receive the scholarship for multiple years if the St. Pius X Development Committee deems it appropriate.
8. Scholarship applications and guidelines will be prepared and maintained by the St. Pius X Development Committee.
9. Promotion of the scholarship and administration of the applications will be the responsibility of the St. Pius X Development Committee.
10. The Billings Catholic Schools Foundation will be entrusted with managing the endowment investment portfolio and giving regular reports of the endowment performance to the St. Pius X Parish Development Committee.

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All Scholarship applicants must provide the following information in addition to the completed application form:

1. On a separate sheet of paper, in 500 words or less, please supply the following:
 - Describe involvement in church, community or school activities. Please list honors or awards you may have received in these groups and describe how you may have benefited by your involvement with these organizations.
 - Why you want to attend St. Francis Catholic School.
 - Please explain why you feel you are a good candidate to receive this scholarship.
2. Enclose a copy of your most recent report card or transcript.
3. Enclose one letter of recommendation from a non-relative who can attest to your academic, personal and spiritual activities. Each letter should include the person's name and their relationship to you.

**ST. PIUS X PARISH – FR. STEVE TOKARSKI MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Scholarship applicants must be registered parishioners of St. Pius X Parish, registered through the Billings Catholic School System and plan to attend St. Francis Catholic School for the 2023-2024 school year. High school students are not eligible for this scholarship. Instructions are listed on the back side of this application to explain the process and detail the additional documentation that must be supplied with the application. **All scholarship applicants must sign, date and return the application, along with the indicated additional information, to the parish office, by 5pm, on April 21, 2023. Applications received after this date or incomplete applications will not be considered.** By signing the application, the applicant agrees to permit the release of his / her academic and biographic information to outside agencies if they are selected to receive the scholarship. Applicant understands that the award of this scholarship is at the complete discretion of St. Pius X Parish.

Student's Name _____

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Parent / Guardian Address: _____

Student's Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Student's Phone Number _____ Montana Resident ___ Yes ___ No

Student's Date of Birth _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

Send completed application and required documentation to:
Fr Steve Tokarski Memorial Scholarship
St Pius X Parish
717 18th Street West
Billings, MT 59102

With questions, please call Karyn Haider at the St. Pius X Parish Office, 406.656.2522 or email khaider@stpiusxblgs.org.