

**Scholarship Application Packet
2020-2021**



DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020

RENEWAL NEW APPLICATION

Scholar Name: _____

Current School Attending : _____ Grade in 2020-2021: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Holy Trinity Catholic School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father Yermo (Middle and High School) | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph's Catholic School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father Yermo (Elementary School) | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Matthew Catholic School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loretto Academy (Middle & High School) | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Patrick Catholic School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loretto Academy (Elementary) | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Pius X Catholic School |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Raphael Catholic School |

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No.: _____

Bishop Faith Miles Nancy Mendez Saucedo Srs. Caroline & Cecilia Vasquez

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith Elizabeth Wiehe Luz Ulrickson Soñador Castro

Hearst Lightbourn/Whittler Other

Principal Name: _____ School: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CHECKLIST

2020-2021 RENEWING APPLICANTS

Scholar Name: _____ School: _____

1. Submit financial and family information to FACTS Grant & Aid Program at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4FJQ2> by **March 20, 2020**.

NOTE: Select the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso as a school. Please give yourself enough time. It may take up to 10 days from date of submission to FACTS for the process to be completed.

2. Submit completed and signed renewal application and attachments to your school no later than **Friday, April 10, 2020**.
3. One-page essay describing how you benefited by participating in your school's activities; what class did you learn the most from and why.
4. Attach official school transcript or official report card with school seal or president/principal's signature for the current and previous year.
5. Letter of recommendation from your school principal, on school letterhead, recommending this scholarship renewal.

CHECKLIST

2020-2021 NEW APPLICANTS

Scholar Name: _____

1. Letter of recommendation from your current school principal, on school letterhead, recommending this scholarship.
2. Meet with school principal or guidance counselor from Catholic school of choice to complete the Applicant Appraisal on last page of this application. The principal or guidance counselor must complete and sign the Application Appraisal.
3. Submit financial and family information to FACTS Grant & Aid Program at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4FJQ2> by **March 20, 2020**.

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4. Submit completed and signed scholarship application and attachments to school of choice no later than **Friday, April 10, 2020**.
5. Attach a one-page essay explaining why the applicant wants a Catholic school education outlining the reasons you want to attend the school you selected and why you believe you should be awarded this scholarship;
6. Attach official school transcript or official report card with school seal or president/principal's signature for the current and previous year.
7. Attach a copy of a current utility bill (water, gas or electric **ONLY**);

APPLICATION

RENEWAL

NEW APPLICATION

A. INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print clearly and turn in completed application with all applicable signatures.
2. Complete one application for each scholar.
3. Submit a new application each school year as required.

B. APPLICANT DATA:

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Home Phone: _____ Student Cell: _____

Student Email: _____

Gender: Male Female

Parish or Place of Worship: _____

C. PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Father/Guardian

Mother/Guardian

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

D. INFORMATION ON SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

School Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Principal: _____ School Telephone: _____

E. ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS:

List all school and community activities in which you have participated (e.g., student government, sports, choir, band, volunteer work), awards/honors you have earned, and offices you have held. Use additional pages if necessary.

Activity	# of Years Participated	Awards/Honors	Offices Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

F. GOALS AND AMBITIONS:

Provide a brief statement about how your education relates to your long-term and life goals.

G. UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Please describe how any unusual family, personal, or financial circumstances have impacted or affected your achievements or participation in school activities.

H. PARENT INVOLVEMENT

In the following space, have your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) describe how they have been involved in or assisted you with your academic and civic responsibility.

I. FINANCIAL DATA:

All Foundation scholarship applicants – both new and renewing – must complete a financial assessment using the FACTS program. Complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4FJQ2> and **select the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso as a school**. A small fee per family will only be assessed once. For more information, please contact your school or the Foundation at (915) 872-8412.

J. RESIDENCY

State of legal residence: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen: Yes No

Total number of family members in household: _____

Current marital status of parent/guardian having primary parental responsibility for the applicant:

Married Divorced Separated Widowed Single

K. ACADEMIC PROGRESS (Renewing Students ONLY)

Please advise if you are satisfied with your academic progress over the past year. If you are satisfied, tell us why? If not satisfied, what steps are you taking to improve your academic performance?

L. CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of information I have given on this form. **Non-compliance may result in termination of any scholarship granted.** I grant my permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the scholarship selection committee and scholarship donor. If this form is incomplete, inaccurate, or not signed, it will not be considered. I agree to attend any function, workshop or event specifically for Foundation Scholars. I also grant my permission for him/her to be interviewed and/or photographed, filmed or videotaped for use in diocesan publications and/or news media publications or productions for the purpose of promoting the Scholarship Program, the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso, and /or Catholic Schools in El Paso.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Mother/Guardian: _____

Signature of Father/Guardian: _____

Date Application Completed: _____

For questions or assistance in preparing the scholarship application or submitting FACTS, in English or Spanish, please contact:

Rey Ramirez | Grants Assistant

Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso

499 St. Matthews Street

El Paso, TX 79907

P [915.872.8412](tel:915.872.8412) | **E** rramirez@elpasodiocese.org

APPLICANT APPRAISAL FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY

(To be completed by current school counselor or principal)

IF YOU ARE AN INCOMING STUDENT, PLEASE PROVIDE THIS FORM TO YOUR CURRENT PRINCIPAL OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR TO BE COMPLETED.

Scholar Name: _____ School: _____

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and community is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student is making satisfactory academic progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Extremely Well	Very Well	Moderately Well	Not Well
The applicant demonstrates maturity, initiative, and focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The applicant demonstrates good problem solving skills, follow through and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Appraiser's Name (Print): _____ Title: _____

Official School Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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OVERVIEW AND GUIDELINES

I. PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Catholic School Scholarship Program of the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso is part of the diocesan effort to provide the financial aid needed by our Catholic schools to sustain them into the future. It complements the Office of Education's Financial Aid Program as well as the tuition assistance provided by individual Catholic schools in the form of financial aid and tuition discounts.

The Foundation's Scholarship Program consists of the following:

1. Bishop's Scholarship Fund
2. Castro Scholarship Fund
3. Elizabeth Wiehe Scholarship Fund
4. Faith Scholarship Fund
5. William Randolph Hearst Scholarship Fund
6. The Lightbourn Family Fund – John Edward Whittler Memorial Scholarship
7. Luz Ulrickson Scholarship Fund
8. Miles Scholarship Fund
9. Nancy Mendez Saucedo Scholarship Fund
10. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith Scholarship Fund
11. Srs. Caroline and Cecilia Vasquez, OSF Fund
12. The Soñador Scholarship Fund

Bishop's Scholarship Fund - In December 2009, the Foundation established the Bishop's Scholarship Fund to ensure that more deserving students could attend El Paso's Catholic middle schools. The Bishop's scholarships are available for qualified students enrolling in any of El Paso's 9 Catholic schools in grades Pre-K through 12.

Castro Scholarship Fund – In August 2019, Richard Castro awarded the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso funds to enable more students to attend El Paso's Catholic schools. The scholarships are available for qualified students enrolling in any of El Paso's 9 Catholic schools in grades 1 through 12.

Elizabeth Wiehe Scholarship Fund – The Elizabeth Wiehe Scholarship Fund was created in 2017 by an anonymous donor in memory of the beloved founder, teacher, and longtime principal of St. Raphael Catholic School and will provide scholarships for young students who could not otherwise afford to attend St. Raphael. The Elizabeth Wiehe Scholarships are available for qualified students enrolling in St. Raphael Catholic School in grades Pre-K through 8.

Faith Scholarship Fund - In August 2015, the Foundation established the Faith Scholarship Fund through private donations to enable more deserving students to attend El Paso's Catholic schools. The Faith Scholarships are available for qualified students enrolling in any of El Paso's 9 Catholic schools in grades Pre-K through 12.

The William Randolph Hearst Scholarship Fund – Through a grant awarded in 2002, the Hearst Foundation awarded funds for Catholic students to attend one of the 9 schools in the Diocese of El Paso. The Hearst Foundation's goal is to ensure that people of all backgrounds have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and inspiring lives. The Hearst Foundation, Inc. was founded by

William Randolph Hearst in 1946. The Hearst Foundations are national philanthropic resources for organizations and institutions working in the fields of Education, Health, Culture and Social Service.

The Lightbourn Family Fund – John Edward Whittler Memorial Scholarship for Cathedral High School – Sam Lightbourn is a 1957 graduate of Cathedral and an alumnus of Texas Western College (UTEP), a proud Marine and member of the 19th Rifle Company, USMCR Foundation, Inc. and a magnanimous donor for many years to Catholic education. He is passionate about raising funds for more El Paso students to attend Catholic schools. This fund was inspired by his friend and fellow Cathedral Class of '57 cohort, John Edward Whittler, who had a successful career as a chemist with the Department of Defense.

Luz Ulrickson Scholarship Fund – A group of Cathedral graduates wanted to do something for the math teacher who inspired them to be better men. In 2017, they established the Luz Ulrickson Scholarship Fund so that her legacy would live on through scholarships for well-deserving young students who could not otherwise afford to attend Cathedral High School. The Luz Ulrickson Scholarships are available for qualified students enrolling in Cathedral High School grades 9 - 12.

Miles Scholarship Fund - In December 2009, Michael and Clara Miles established the Miles Scholarship Fund at the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso to ensure that more students could attend El Paso's Catholic high schools. Applicants of the Miles Scholarship must be a U.S. Citizen living in the United States. The Miles Scholarships are available for qualified students enrolling in Cathedral High School, Father Yermo High School, and Loretto Academy grades 9-12.

Nancy Mendez Saucedo Scholarship Fund – This fund is an academic and financial need-based scholarship given annually to a qualifying student at Father Yermo High School in El Paso, Texas. The scholarship is given by Deborah & James Llewellyn in honor of Deborah's mother, Nancy Mendez Saucedo who, as a single mother, worked and sacrificed so Deborah and her sister could attend Father Yermo High School and receive a high-quality Catholic education. The Nancy Mendez Saucedo Scholarships are available for qualified students enrolling in Father Yermo High School grades 9-12.

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith Scholarship Fund for St. Raphael School - In honor of Monsignor Smith's service to St. Raphael Parish and School for 29 years, a scholarship fund for St. Raphael School was established in his name to help preserve St. Raphael's mission well into the future. The Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Smith Scholarships are available for students enrolling in St. Raphael Catholic School in grades Pre-K through 8.

Sisters Caroline & Cecilia, OSF Scholarship Fund for Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Community - Sisters Caroline & Cecilia Vasquez, OSF, were siblings who both belonged to the order of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Sisters served Catholic schools most notably Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School for close to five decades. The Sisters Caroline and Cecilia, OSF Fund for Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Community Scholarships are available for qualified students enrolling in any of El Paso's 9 Catholic schools in grades Pre-K through 12.

The Soñador Scholarship Fund was established by Bishop Mark J. Seitz in 2017 for immigrant children. Bishop Mark believes strongly in educating our children on the border and is committed to their success. By his example and leadership, he fosters a deep appreciation for the diversity that immigrants bring to our cultural experience. The Soñador Scholarship Fund will provide life

changing opportunities for deserving students and migrant children to attend El Paso's Catholic schools.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- Any student enrolled or enrolling in any of El Paso's 9 Catholic schools may apply for a Bishop's Scholarship, Castro Scholarship, Faith Scholarship and Hearst Scholarship.
- Students attending grades 9 – 12 at Cathedral High School, Father Yermo High School, and Loretto High School can apply for the Miles Scholarship.
- Any student enrolled or enrolling at Cathedral High School may apply for a Luz Ulrickson Scholarship.
- Any student enrolled or enrolling in Father Yermo Schools may apply for a Nancy Mendez Saucedo Scholarship.
- Any student enrolled or enrolling at St. Raphael School may apply for Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith Scholarship or Elizabeth Wiehe Scholarship.
- The Sisters Caroline & Cecilia Vasquez, OSF Scholarship Fund is available to former Our Lady of the Valley students enrolled during school year 2017-2018 and/or registered parishioners enrolling in grades K - 8.
- The Soñador Scholarships are available for qualified students enrolling in any of the El Paso's 9 Catholic Schools in grades 1 - 8.
- Current student's attending Cathedral High School in El Paso, Texas may apply for The Lightbourn Family Fund – John Edward Whittler Memorial Scholarship. In order to qualify for scholarship assistance, each applicant must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, and demonstrate: 1) Athletic achievement in at least one sport by submitting proof of participation and lettering in the sport. 2) Achievement in the sciences, preferably in Chemistry. 3) Plans to attend an institution of higher learning, which can be a 2- or 4- Year College or vocational school. Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, or supervisor, 2 letters of reference (at least one from a volunteer experience); along with a 900 word personal statement addressing ALL of the following aspects: 1) Leadership ability describing at least one specific example. 2) School, community, or church involvement. 4) Describe how this scholarship would help you attain your educational and professional goals. 5) Include three reasons why you would like to remain in the Cathedral community after graduation.

Please review guidelines for each scholarship program for residency requirements

III. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

NEW APPLICANTS:

- Letter of recommendation from your current school principal, on school letterhead, recommending this scholarship.

- Meet with school principal or guidance counselor from Catholic school of choice to complete the Applicant Appraisal on the last page of this application. The principal or guidance counselor must complete and sign the Applicant Appraisal.
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- Letter of recommendation from your school principal, on school letterhead, recommending this scholarship renewal.

IV. SELECTION PROCESS

The Foundation's Scholarship Committee will select the recipients of the Bishop's, Castro, Hearst, Faith, Miles, Nancy Mendez Saucedo, Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith, Soñador, Luz Ulrickson, The Lightbourn Family Fund – John Edward Whittler Memorial, Elizabeth Wiehe, and Sisters Caroline and Cecilia Vasquez Scholarships after evaluating the following factors for each applicant: (1)

participation in school and community activities, (2) work experience (including any work done at home), (3) statement of goals and ambitions, (4) prior academic record, (5) quality of essay, (6) school appraisal, and (7) completion of all requirements to include the FACTS Grant & Aid Program selecting the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso as a school at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4FJQ2>

All determinations by the Foundation will be final and will not be subject to review or appeal.

V. AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The amount of an individual Bishop's, Elizabeth Wiehe, Faith, Luz Ulrickson, Miles, Hearst, Castro, Lightbourn Family Fund – John Edward Whittler Memorial, Nancy Mendez Saucedo, Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith, and Srs. Caroline and Cecilia Vasquez Scholarship award, ranging up to \$5,000 annually, will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on the ability of the student's family to contribute toward the educational expenses at the school the student desires to attend. A student whose parents do not complete the FACTS Grant and Aid financial assessment by the deadline will not be considered for a Scholarship.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation will notify all scholarship applicants of its decision in May. The Foundation will also notify each scholarship recipient's school.

The Foundation will pay scholarship awards directly to the scholarship recipient's school in two equal installments during the academic year (one installment in August, one installment in January) dependent on all requirements being met. Award checks may be used to pay for the recipients' tuition, books, lab fees, or other related educational expenses. Copies of the awards sent to the recipients will also be mailed to the schools.

VII. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

Once the Foundation awards a Bishop's, Elizabeth Wiehe, Faith, Luz Ulrickson, Hearst, Miles, Nancy Mendez Saucedo, Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith, Soñador, or Sisters Caroline and Cecilia Vasquez Scholarship to a student, the Foundation intends to continue the scholarship as long as the student remains eligible. To remain eligible, scholars must submit a renewal application by the deadline. The Foundation will evaluate each recipient on his or her school performance (high C or 77 average or better), residency, participation in school, community activities and financial need prior to renewing a scholarship. Renewal applications are available at the schools. Each student has the responsibility to have the renewal application and forms timely and properly completed and submitted to their respective school.

The Foundation reserves the right to change or discontinue the Bishop's, Castro, Elizabeth Wiehe, Faith, Hearst, The Lightbourn Family Fund – John Edward Whittler Memorial, Luz Ulrickson, Miles, Nancy Mendez Saucedo, Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith, Soñador, and Sisters Caroline and Cecilia Vasquez Scholarships at any time without notice.