



## **The De Leon Scholars Program**

The De Leon Scholars Program recognizes students every year who demonstrate unique capacities with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential. The Scholars Program is a fellowship of individuals who share an interest in pursuing academic improvement, economic or social entrepreneurship, and scientific or technological change. The aim of the Scholars Program is to develop compassionate global citizens who become effective leaders in their communities.

These students are talented young people who are creating substantial impact in their daily lives and in the lives of others. They exhibit academic excellence and a commitment to thoughtful leadership. Our singular objective is to encourage these dynamic individuals with financial support during their time in the Upper School. Furthermore, we would like to offer support with our global business and financial network as recipients put their talent, work ethic and original ideas into action.

Some ideas can't wait, and great people need to be cultivated. If our Scholars want to make an impact through science or technology, we think they should not be hindered by financial disadvantage. We'd like to be a part of their support system so they can focus on honing their intellectual acumen and developing their life's objectives. The hardest thing about being a young person is that you haven't met everyone you need to know to effectuate the outcomes you would like. As part of the Scholars Program, students will be able to tap into a group of likeminded leaders.

### **AWARD**

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Students may apply for full or partial tuition assistance that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution.

### **BASIC ELIGIBILITY**

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To apply, students must:

- Be an existing 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Saint Joseph Academy or Alcuin School; in good academic standing.

- Additionally, recipients must plan to enroll full-time in a four-year degree program at an accredited, not-for-profit, private, or public college or university.

## **IDEAL CANDIDATE**

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An ideal candidate will have:

- An outstanding academic record.
- Demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities).
- Exceptional personal skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance).

## **APPLICATION CRITERIA**

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- Financial need.
- Demonstrated leadership in academic and/or extracurricular activities.
- Transcript.
- Completed application including personal essay.
- One or two letters of recommendation from a teacher or administrator.

## **TIMELINE**

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- March 31, 2024: Last day to submit applications
- April 20, 2024: Select candidates interviewed
- April 30, 2024: Scholar selections announced