



THE MATTHEW HOLMES SCHOLARSHIP FUND
P.O. Box 20386
Philadelphia, PA 19137

Matthew Holmes was a young man trying to establish a career, when his life was tragically taken away. His family and friends sadly miss his strong character, his eagerness to help anyone in need, and the will he had to learn more about life. The qualities of Matthew's personality have touched many people in a positive way. In his memory, a scholarship fund has been established to provide assistance to deserving 8th grade students. To qualify for a scholarship, the student must be a Philadelphia resident that will be enrolled in his/her first year of high school at a Catholic Archdiocesan or private high school that has a Catholic affiliation. The support of this scholarship will help the recipients pursue their goals through academic achievement as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. Five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded in Spring 2026. The application requirements are listed below. **All applications MUST be received by February 28, 2026. No late applications will be permitted.**

Application Requirements:

1. Student must be entering into Catholic high school in September 2026.
2. A copy of the student's final report card from the previous academic year along with a copy of the student's most recent trimester report card must be provided. Both report cards must have a general average of 80 or above.
3. Student must provide at **two** letters of recommendation from current or former teachers.
4. Student must submit a 250 word typed essay. Essay topic is listed on page 3.
5. The application must be completed in its entirety. **All required documents must be submitted together, in one package, with the application. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.**



Please print neatly or type all information. Please return all applications, along with all required documents to address listed above. All required documents MUST be submitted together. Applications MAY NOT be sent electronically. Applications received after February 28, 2026 will not be accepted. All applications are confidential and will be reviewed only by the scholarship fund committee.

Application for the 2026-2027 School Year

Student's Name: (first & last)

Father's Name: (first & last)

Mother's Name: (first & last)

Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail Address:

Date of Birth:

Number of siblings living in household:

Current school:

Name and address of high school attending for the 2026-2027 school year:

Please provide a short answer to the following questions:

Do you participate in any extracurricular activities? Please list them.

Describe something that you have accomplished of which you are particularly proud.

Are there any special circumstances that you would like the committee to consider when reviewing your application?

Essay Topic (250 words) Please type on a separate paper.

Describe one event in your life where a Catholic education guided you. Who was present? What happened? Give specific details.


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Please print and sign statement.

We certify all information to be true to the best of our knowledge:

Applicant Name (please print):

Applicant Signature:

Parent Name: (please print)

Parent Signature:
