



Lighting the Way Forward.

Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund

The Diocese of Youngstown Scholarship Granting

Organization

Office of Catholic Schools

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As a result of legislation passed in 2021, Ohio taxpayers who wish to support Catholic education in Ohio now have the opportunity to receive a tax credit against Ohio income tax liability for cash contributions made to certified organizations that grant scholarships to K-12 students, including students attending Catholic schools.

The **Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund**

has been established by the Diocese of Youngstown as a scholarship granting organization to allow interested donors to reduce their Ohio income tax liability on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$750 per person per year (\$1,500 if married filing jointly) by providing donors with a tax credit against their Ohio income tax liability.



Donations to the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund will be utilized to award scholarships to students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Youngstown with a priority to support low-income families that seek high quality educational opportunities for their children.

Donations may be submitted to the Office of Catholic Schools accompanied by the donation form. Donations may be designated to support Catholic education throughout the Diocese of Youngstown or to support Catholic education at a specific school.

The Diocese of Youngstown Catholic Schools are dedicated to providing students and families with an excellent educational experience that nurtures faith, inspires learning, fosters service, and builds leadership.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund?

The Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund was established by the Diocese of Youngstown and has been certified by the Ohio Attorney General's Office as a Scholarship Granting Organization. Donors can make contributions to the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund which will be used to award scholarships to eligible students attending a Catholic school in the Diocese of Youngstown. Donors may also make a contribution designated to benefit students attending a particular Catholic school in the Diocese.

The Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund, like any Scholarship Granting Organization, is required by applicable law to prioritize awarding scholarships to students from "low income families" (under 300% of the poverty threshold), but otherwise, the law does not place limits on which K-12 schools may be served or the number of scholarships that may be awarded. This program holds tremendous potential for supporting our efforts to ensure the viability of our Catholic schools throughout the Diocese for our students.

Who will benefit from the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund?

Families can apply to receive scholarships thus allowing more students to be able to seek a Catholic school education. Donors benefit by receiving a tax credit against their Ohio income tax liability equal to their contribution up to a maximum limit of \$750 per person per year or \$1,500 if married filing jointly.

Will Good Samaritan Scholarships be awarded to students who are not considered low income?

All students attending a Catholic school in the Diocese of Youngstown are welcome to apply for a Good Samaritan Scholarship. While applicants that are under 300% of the poverty threshold will be prioritized (in 2022-2023 this is \$83,200 for a family of four), applicants that are over this threshold will still be considered for a Good Samaritan Scholarship, based on availability of funds, with the primary criteria for awarding scholarships being financial need.

Who can contribute to the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund?

Anyone. However, only those persons with Ohio tax liability may be eligible for the tax credit.

May a donor designate a Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund contribution to a specific student?

No. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund does not accept contributions designated for specific students.

May a donor designate a Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund contribution to a specific school?

Yes. Donors to the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund have the option of making:

- a.) An undesignated contribution that supports schools and students across the Diocese of Youngstown, **OR**
- b.) A contribution that is designated to benefit students at a specific Catholic school in the Diocese of Youngstown.

In either case, scholarships to low-income families will be prioritized.

How can a donation be made to the Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund?

Currently donations are being accepted by check or credit card, made payable to the "Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund". All payment should be accompanied by a Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund Donor Form.

How do I obtain Donor Form?

- a.) By contacting the Office of Catholic Schools by telephone at 330-744-8451, ext. 284 OR by email to ocs_secretary@youngstowndiocese.org
- b.) By contacting any Diocese of Youngstown Catholic school

COMING SOON:

Donor Forms and information will soon be available on the Diocese of Youngstown website as well as the ability to contribute directly on-line.

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