

To the Eighth Grade Students at St. Martha School,

Our parents, Patrick and Janet Smith, were part of St. Martha Parish from the very beginning. Our family moved into the Pennswood section of the parish in 1966, before St. Martha Church and St. Martha School were built. All four of us, Patrick and Janet's children, are proud graduates of both St. Martha School and Archbishop Ryan High School.

Our parents believed in Catholic education so much that public school wasn't even considered. Whatever the cost of Catholic education, it was worth it. Our father had to work hours and hours of overtime. Our mother had to be a full-time homemaker and hold down a job. And they both had to give up things they wanted in order to send us to a Catholic school. But, to them, it was worth it because of the quality of education a Catholic school offers, because of the values a Catholic school teaches, and because of the discipline a Catholic school provides.

On October 6, 1987, our mother died after a ten-year battle with cancer. She was 52 years old. Less than five years later, on June 24, 1992, our father died after suffering a stroke. He was 61. Soon after our father's death, we decided that we had to honor our father and mother for all they had done for us. Eventually, we decided the best way to honor them was to create a scholarship fund in their name.

Determining the criteria for the scholarship was fairly easy. Recipients would have to be graduating St. Martha students who would attend Archbishop Ryan, just like the four of us. Recipients would have to be good students academically, because our parents always insisted that we do our best in all of our school work. Recipients would have to be in a family that would have difficulty affording a Catholic high school education without some form of financial assistance, to recognize the sacrifices our parents made to pay for our education. Recipients would have to be students who truly valued a Catholic education, like our parents did, and who were articulate enough to tell us, in an essay, why. And finally, because one of us was in medical school when our mother died and benefited from scholarships that were set aside for single parent families, we decided to give special consideration to students who had the love and support of only one parent.

Since 1995, the Patrick and Janet Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund has awarded 75 scholarships and grants, totaling over \$450,000.00. This year we plan to grant two (2) four-year scholarships of \$13,000 each. Also, to ensure that the names of the winners of the scholarship are remembered throughout the years, we donated a plaque to St. Martha School. This plaque is hanging in a prominent place in the school and will list each recipient of the Smith Memorial Scholarship.

We encourage you to apply for the Patrick and Janet Smith Memorial Scholarship.

Sincerely,

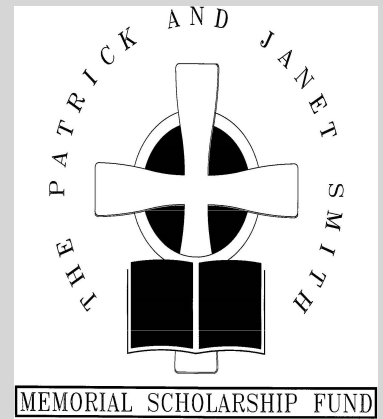
The SMSF Board

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Submission of this application will permit you to be considered for the award of a scholarship administered by the Patrick and Janet Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This application requires the candidate to write an essay. The candidate's parent/guardian is required to complete the financial information form. You will be notified if additional information is required. Academic records will be provided by your school.

You can submit this application via email to smithmemorialscholarship@gmail.com or mail to: Pat Smith at 5760 Michael Dr, Bensalem, PA 19020.



STUDENT INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

What high school do you plan to attend in the fall?

Please list school and/or church sponsored activities (i.e., sports, altar server, peer helper, etc.). Also include any organized sports or activities outside of school.

Please list and explain any volunteer or community service work you perform.

Please list and explain any paid work you perform.

Please list any hobbies you enjoy.

Do you have fewer than two living parents/guardians?

Yes

No

ESSAY

In your own words, please describe yourself and why you value a Catholic education. Fill in the box below or attach a separate sheet of paper. Your essay should be approximately 250 words and should be typed.

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father

Living

Deceased

Name:

Address:

Employer:

Occupation:

Mother

Living

Deceased

Name:

Address:

Employer:

Occupation:

Guardian

Living

Deceased

Name:

Address:

Employer:

Occupation:

List the people that the parents / guardians will help or totally support this year. (e.g. indigent or chronically ill family member, nursing home support, etc.)

Person(s):

Approximate Contribution:

List additional dependents.

1. Name:

Relation:

Age:

School:

Tuition:

2. Name:

Relation:

Age:

School:

Tuition:

3. Name:

Relation:

Age:

School:

Tuition:

4. Name:

Relation:

Age:

School:

Tuition:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. What is your marital status as of today?

2. Month and year you were married, separated, divorced or widowed.

3. For 2025, have you completed an IRS income tax return?

Yes

No

4. Reserved.

5. What was your adjusted gross income for 2025? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040, page 1, line 11.

6. Enter the total amount of your income tax for 2025. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040, page 2, line 16.

7. Reserved.

8. How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2025? IRS Form 1040, page 1, line 1a.

Father/Stepfather:

Mother/Stepmother:

9. As of today, what is your total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts?

10. As of today, what is the current net worth of your business?

11. As of today, what is the net worth of your investments, including real estate (not your home)?

12. How much of the following did you receive in 2025?

Social Security benefits:

Child support payments:

Welfare benefits: