

Seton LaSalle Catholic High School

*Leah Moran Memorial
Scholarship*

Scholarship Application Packet



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Background of the scholarship

The Leah Moran Memorial Scholarship was established to keep Leah's memory alive, honor our own son, a cancer survivor and St. Bernard graduate, as well as Leah's son who is a 2016 Seton LaSalle graduate. This scholarship fund was set up with a specific focus.

This focus would be to aid students with a financial need due to a parent that may have or have had a battle with cancer, as well as for enrolled students that have also personally experienced this battle. Leah was passionate about her son having a Catholic education and succeeded in this goal, seeing him graduate from St. Bernard and advance to Seton LaSalle. She and her son were active participants in the Catholic community, especially at St. Bernard School.

We understand how difficult her battle was and the strains it put on the family. We know as our own son was diagnosed in second grade at St. Bernard. Knowing first hand that families can struggle with the impact a cancer diagnosis has on the family, not only physically, but emotionally and financially as well was the basis for this scholarship. As a result, and with the encouragement and support of Leah's son and mother, this scholarship was established to assist families and to help ease their anxieties about being able to provide a Catholic high school education for their child.

Thurman Gardner and Shelley Kobuck

Eligibility and Qualification Information

Eligibility Requirements:

- 8th -11th grade students
- Students must be continuing their education at Seton LaSalle Catholic high school
- GPA of 2.0 or higher (exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis based on a recommendation from the students previous 8th grade principal and counselor).
- Students must meet the scholarship program requirements as set forth by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. See information below or Visit www.NewPA.com .

To Qualify, Students Must Submit:

- A completed application form
 - A copy of student's transcripts or most recent report card
 - Two recommendations, one from the Principal and one from a Teacher or Counselor
 - Applicants **MUST SUBMIT** the most recent Federal 1040 Form for every adult in their household with their application in order to be eligible for the scholarship
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When and where to return the application:

This application form and all the accompanying materials must be returned to Seton LaSalle Catholic High School by March 15, 2017.

Mailto: ***Seton LaSalle Catholic High School***
Attn: Admissions Dept.
1000 McNeilly Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15226

EITC Scholarship Income Guidelines*

In accordance with the revised household income guidelines of the state of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC), please find below updated information for any student applying for the **Leah Moran Memorial Scholarship**. (*These are the same guidelines required by the Diocese for any other form of financial aid.)

Updated EITC Guidelines:

As of July 30, 2013, to be eligible for scholarships, families of students must have an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less with an additional \$15,000 adjustment for each dependent living within the same household.

Number of Dependents	Maximum AGI
1	
2	\$90,000
3	\$105,000
	\$120,000

An eligible student is a school age student, including an eligible student with a disability, who is a resident of Pennsylvania, who is enrolled in a school located in this Commonwealth and who is a member of a household with an annual household income of not more than \$75,000, plus an additional income allowance of \$15,000 for the student or dependent (as defined by the IRS) living within the same household.

To be considered an eligible student with a disability, a student must meet the following criteria:

- (1) is either enrolled in a special education school or has otherwise been identified as a "child with a disability" as defined in Title 34 CFR §300.8;
- (2) needs special education and related services;
- (3) is enrolled in a school and,
- (4) is a member of a household that does not exceed the maximum annual household income.

"School age" ranges from the earliest admission age for a school's kindergarten program (or if the school has no kindergarten program, the earliest stage at which the student may begin school), through the age attained upon graduation from secondary school or 21 years of age, whichever occurs first. With respect to an eligible student with a disability, multiply the sum of \$75,000 plus the allowance(s) of \$15,000 per student or dependent, by the support level factor of 1.50 if the student is not enrolled in a special education school or by the support level factor of 2.99 if the student is enrolled as a student in a special education school.

A household includes an individual living alone or an individual living with the following:

- a. a spouse, parent and their unemancipated minor children;
- b. other unemancipated minor children who are related by blood or marriage; or
- c. other adults or unemancipated minor children living in the household who are dependent upon the individual.

To qualify, applicants must submit proof of income for all adults in their household where they

area dependent.

If you have any questions regarding the EITC Income Guidelines visit:

www.newpa.com and search "scholarship" to

find the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Document that provides all guidelines for scholarship applications

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Application Form
Applicant Information

Applicant's Name

Home Address

City/State/Zip

Home Phone

Father's/Guardian Name _____

Mother's/Guardian Name _____

Parish (if applicable)

Parish Pastor's Name (if applicable)

Current School

Current School Principal's Name

Current School Counselor's Name

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PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION

(Maybe submitted on separate page if preferred)

Student's Name: _____

Principal's Name: _____

School: _____

Principal Recommendation (please include how the student was impacted by cancer during the time at this school): _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

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TEACHER/COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION

(Maybe submitted on separate page if preferred)

Student's Name: _____

Teacher/Counselors' Name: _____

School and Classes Taught/Taken: _____

Recommendation (please include how the student's school performance was impacted by cancer during the time at this school and how the student dealt with it in School): _____

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Teacher/Counselor Signature: _____

Date _____