



## A School's Guide to Parent FAQ's

### **What are my scholarship options?**

In addition to administering our own scholarships (Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow & Alive! In Christ), TTEF administers scholarships for our partners at the Office of Catholic Education (Catholic Family Tuition Assistance & Parish Employee Endowment Fund), the Department of Special Education, and the Roman Catholic Foundation (Beyond Sunday & SOAR! Scholarships). Please visit [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org) for a description of each scholarship.

### **How do I apply? Can I apply to just one scholarship?**

To make the process easier for families and schools, one application is used for all scholarships under the TTEF umbrella. The Scholarship Office at TTEF will review your application and determine your family's award(s) based on eligibility for the different programs. On our website, [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org), you will find scholarship information with income guidelines, the link to the online application, step-by-step instructions on how to apply, and information on how to reach TTEF for additional support. No paper applications are accepted.

### **Should I include all of the students in my family on my application?**

Yes! We encourage families to include on their application all of their children in grades K-12 so we can help you maximize your award potential.

### **Why do families have to pay part of the tuition?**

One key component of educational success is parental involvement. We consider this an effective mechanism to ensure buy-in and commitment from participating families.

### **What if my child transfers schools?**

Elementary school scholarships are renewable through grade eight and high school scholarships are renewable through grade twelve. Scholarships are transferable between schools. If your child(ren) are transferring to a private school from an Archdiocesan or parish school, the award amount may be adjusted if necessary.

### **What if my child needs to repeat a grade?**

That will not affect your scholarship in any way. It is not uncommon that children transferring from public to private school will need "catch-up" time, or in some cases even have to repeat a grade to come up to the level of their peers.

### **Why don't you have any academic requirements?**

We want to provide children with the tools and opportunities they need to succeed. Since TTEF helps children in grades K-8, there is time to help them improve academically and succeed. TTEF does not continue scholarships if children are expelled from school.

### **Can the scholarships be used for high school?**

For the 2016-17 school year, Beyond Sunday and SOAR! are offering high school scholarships. All other scholarships are for elementary school students only.

### **Can the scholarships be used for pre-school or Pre-Kindergarten?**

No, children must be entering Kindergarten or a higher grade to be eligible for the scholarship.