



QUINCY CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

**Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship
Application Packet**

Submission deadline: Thursday, April 4, 2025

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation

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Quincy, IL 62301

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Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship: Applicant Eligibility Criteria

The Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship provides full tuition for K-8 students to one family from each of Quincy's four Catholic parishes (Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony, St. Francis, and St. Peter) based on financial need determined by the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application. The recipients remain confidential.

Eligibility and Continuation

- Families must demonstrate financial need annually and comply with all eligibility requirements.
- Scholarships extend until the last child in the family completes 8th grade, provided enrollment is continuous, there is demonstrated financial need, and funding remains available.
- Upon completion, the scholarship is awarded to a new family from the same parish following the same criteria.

Application Process

- Submit the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship Form by **5 p.m. on April 4, 2025**, via mail or email to Sara Reuschel, Executive Director, QCES Foundation.
- Complete the online FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, submit required documentation, and pay the \$40 processing fee by **11:59 p.m. on April 4, 2025**.
- Annually submit the Parish Pastor's Verification Form, signed by the parish pastor, confirming:
 - Baptism of the child(ren) in the Catholic Church.
 - Active family participation in the Catholic faith, including weekly Mass attendance and parish involvement.

Additional Details

- Scholarships cover tuition only; families are responsible for other fees, including the Resource Fee. Failure to pay required fees will result in disqualification.
- Other tuition assistance, such as the Gene Grawe Fund, is applied first, with the scholarship covering the remaining balance.
- If no qualifying applicant exists for a specific parish, the scholarship may be awarded to a family from another parish based on financial need.

Withdrawal and Reevaluation

- If a family withdraws or fails to meet eligibility, the scholarship may be reallocated to another qualifying family from the same parish.
- The QCES Foundation Board reserves the right to modify scholarship criteria as needed.

Notification of Scholarship Award

- Recipients will be notified via email. Recipients must confirm acceptance of the scholarship before it is applied to their account.

Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship: Application Packet Checklist

_____ Complete the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship Application Form.

_____ Parish Pastor's Verification Form indicating family members are active practicing Catholics.

_____ Submit the completed application and Pastor's Verification Form by 5 p.m. on April 4, 2025 to the QCES Foundation Office via mail at 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL 62301 OR by email to director@quincycatholicschools.org.

_____ Complete and submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form, along with supporting documentation (W2s, 2020 tax return, etc.), and the required processing fee by 11:59 p.m. on April 4, 2025.

Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship: Application Form

This completed application must be submitted to the QCES Foundation office by 5 p.m. on April 4, 2025 either via mail at 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL 62301 or via email to director@quincycatholicschools.org. All applicable information requested on the form must be completed in full in order for the application to be considered by the selection committee.

PLEASE PRINT

Father's Last Name _____ Father's First Name _____

Mother's Last Name _____ Mother's First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Preferred Email Address(es) _____

Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified via email.

Please list the requested information below for each child who would be enrolled in a Quincy Catholic Elementary School for the 2025-26 school year:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ Grade Level for the 2025-26 School Year _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ Grade Level for the 2025-26 School Year _____

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Current School Attending _____ Grade Level for the 2025-26 School Year _____

Additional children may be listed on the back. Please provide the requested information above.

My/our signature(s) below indicate(s) that I/we understand as part of the application process I/we must complete and submit a FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form by the specified deadline. I/we also understand that I/we must submit the signed Parish Pastor's Verification Form indicating my/our family is actively practicing our Catholic faith, as defined on the verification form. I/we further understand that I/we must complete these documents each year, as well as complete this application form annually, and meet the financial eligibility guidelines in order to continue to receive the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship. All required forms and documentation must be submitted by the annually specified deadlines for further consideration.

Father's Signature _____ Date _____

Mother's Signature _____ Date _____

Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship: Pastor's Verification Form

The family listed below has applied for the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship, a need-based full tuition scholarship (K-8) for one or more children in a family. As part of the scholarship eligibility requirements, the student(s) receiving the scholarship must have been Baptized in the Catholic Church and both the child(ren) and at least one parent are "actively practicing their Catholic faith."

The QCES Foundation defines "actively practicing their Catholic faith" as attending Sunday Mass weekly; giving of one's time, talent, and treasure, to the extent possible; and all children currently of elementary school age, if not already attending one of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools, are enrolled and actively participating in their respective parish's PSR program.

This form must be submitted with the Fr. Tolton Scholarship Application Form to the QCES Foundation office by 5 p.m. on April 4, 2025 via mail to 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL 62301 or email to director@quincycatholicschools.org.

This Section to be Completed by the Family Applying for the Scholarship

PLEASE PRINT

Parish in which You Are a Registered Member _____

Father's Last Name _____ Father's First Name _____

Mother's Last Name _____ Mother's First Name _____

Please list below the last name, first name, and age for each child in the family who is of elementary school age or younger:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Age _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Age _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Age _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Age _____

Please list information for any additional children on the back side of this verification form.

As Pastor of the parish in which the family listed above is registered, my signature below confirms that this family, to the best of my knowledge, can be considered as "actively practicing their Catholic faith," and are, therefore, eligible for consideration for the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship for my parish.

Pastor's Signature

Date