



QUINCY CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

**St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship
Application Packet**

Submission deadline: April 4, 2025

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation
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St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship: Applicant Eligibility Criteria

The QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship is a need-based, full-tuition scholarship awarded annually to two families with students in Grades K-8 who do not currently have children enrolled in one of Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools. The scholarship is intended for students of color, non-Catholic students, students below poverty level, or students with disabilities. The recipients remain confidential.

Eligibility and Continuation

- Families must demonstrate financial need annually and comply with all eligibility requirements.
- Applicants must not have any children currently enrolled in a Quincy Catholic elementary school.
- 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 St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Application Form and a 250-word essay 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**.

Additional Details

- Scholarships cover tuition and required fees, including the Resource Fee.
- Other tuition assistance, such as credits from the Gene Grawe Fund, will be applied first, with the scholarship covering the remaining balance.

Withdrawal and Reevaluation

- If a family withdraws or fails to meet eligibility, the scholarship may be reallocated to another qualifying family.
- 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.

St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship: Applicant Packet Checklist

_____ Complete the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Application Form.

_____ Write an essay of 250 words or less (typed or handwritten) to explain why it is important for your child to receive the QCES St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship and why you wish to enroll your child(ren) in one of the four Catholic Elementary Schools.

_____ Submit the completed application and essay 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 (W2, tax return, etc.), and the required processing fee (unless arrangements have been made) by 11:59 p.m. on April 4, 2025.

St. Thomas Aquinas 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 in addition to this application form, I/we understand as part of the application process for the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, I/we must also complete and submit a FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form by the specified deadline. I/we further understand that I/we must submit on a separate sheet of paper, an essay of 250 words or less explaining why it is important for my/our child to receive the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, and why I/we wish to enroll my/our child in one of Quincy's four Catholic Elementary Schools. The essay may be handwritten or typed and must be submitted along with this application form by 5 p.m. on April 4, 2025 to the QCES Foundation office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL 62301 or director@quincycatholicschools.org.

Father's Signature _____ Date _____

Mother's Signature _____ Date _____