



QUINCY CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

**Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship
Application Packet**

Submission deadline: Thursday, March 31, 2023

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation
1721 College Avenue
Quincy, IL 62301
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Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship: Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- The Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship is a QCES full-tuition scholarship (K-8) for one or more children awarded to one family registered at each of the four Quincy Catholic parishes (Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony, St. Francis, and St. Peter) who have demonstrated financial need as determined by information provided by the family on the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form. Since the scholarships are need based, the names of the four families who are awarded a Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship will not be disclosed and will remain confidential.
- If all eligibility requirements are met, including continued demonstration of financial need, the family will continue to receive the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship until all elementary school-age children in the family have completed the 8th Grade, provided the children are continuously enrolled in school and there is no lapse in children from that family enrolled in the school, and provided there is continued funding for the full tuition scholarship by the designated donor.
- When the last elementary school-age child of a family receiving a Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship completes the 8th Grade at one of Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools, all scholarship obligations will cease and the scholarship will then be awarded to a new family from the same parish based on the same eligibility criteria outlined above.
- Families applying for the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship will be required to complete and submit the attached Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship Form by 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2023.
- Application forms may be submitted via mail or email to Sara Reuschel, Executive Director, Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL 62301 OR director@quincycatholicschools.org.
- Families who apply for the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship must complete the required online FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form and submit the required supporting documentation (W2s, 2021 tax return, etc.) and pay the \$40 processing fee. The online application must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Thursday, March 31, 2023.
- In addition, families who apply for the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship must annually submit the Parish Pastor's Verification Form included in the application. The form must be signed by their respective pastor verifying that the student(s) receiving the scholarship have been Baptized in the Catholic Church and both the child(ren) and at least one parent are "actively practicing their Catholic faith." This form must be submitted with the application by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2023. "Actively practicing their Catholic faith" will be defined as giving of one's time, talent, and treasure, to the extent possible; attending weekly Mass as a family; and any children of elementary school age, if not already attending one of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools, are enrolled and actively participating in their parish's PSR program.
- The Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship is for tuition only, and may not be used to pay any other school fees including the Instructional Fee or the Technology Fee required for each child enrolled in a Quincy Catholic Elementary School, which a family receiving a Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship will be required

to pay by the specified deadline. Failure to pay any fees, other than tuition, to the Catholic school in which they wish to enroll their child(ren) by the specified deadline will result in a family's automatic ineligibility for the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship.

- All other tuition assistance for which a family may be eligible, such as a tuition credit from the Gene Grawe Fund, will be applied first, and the remaining tuition balance for the recipient will be covered by the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship.
- If there is no family from a particular parish that applies for a full tuition scholarship that has demonstrated need, as determined by FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, the scholarship for that particular parish will be awarded to another family meeting the specified criteria, including demonstrated financial need, regardless of their parish affiliation and based on the family having the next highest need in any parish.
- If a family withdraws their children from a Quincy Catholic Elementary School, for whatever reason, or fails to meet all of the eligibility criteria outlined above, the full tuition scholarship will be withdrawn and will be awarded to a new family from the same parish based on the same eligibility criteria outlined above.
- The QCES Foundation Board reserves the right to change and/or modify the criteria for the Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship at any time, as deemed necessary.

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 March 31, 2023 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 March 31, 2023.

Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship: Application Form

This completed application must be submitted to the QCES Foundation office by 5 p.m. on March 31, 2023 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) _____

Please list the requested information below for each child who would be enrolled in a Quincy Catholic Elementary School for the 2023-23 school year:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ Grade Level for the 2023-23 School Year _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ Grade Level for the 2023-23 School Year _____

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Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ Grade Level for the 2023-23 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 March 31, 2023 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