



The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Invites Families to Apply for Annual Scholarships

Facts About The Scholarship Fund

- For families residing and attending Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Newark (Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties).
- Scholarships are based upon financial need and are awarded without regard to religion, race or ethnicity.
- The average amount of the SFIC Scholarship Grants for the 2012-2013 academic year is \$1,000 for Elementary and High School students entering grades K through 12. (All Pre-Kindergarten programs are not eligible).
- Applications will be available starting October 1, 2011 at your Catholic School office and at www.sficnj.org.
- Applications must be postmarked by **December 31, 2011**.
- Financial documentation is required along with the completed application.
- A \$15 non-refundable Money Order payable to SFIC is required (one per family). No personal checks will be accepted.
- Only one scholarship per student. Students in grades K-8 receiving tuition assistance from The Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) program are not eligible for The SFIC scholarship.
- All applicants will be notified of our decision after April 16, 2012.
- Scholarship payments are made directly to the schools.

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children
171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104
Phone: (973) 497-4279
Website: www.sficnj.org

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR INNER-CITY CHILDREN (SFIC)

2012-2013 SFIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



For children attending Catholic school
within the Archdiocese of Newark in BERGEN, ESSEX, HUDSON and UNION counties.

Scholarships are awarded without regard to religion, race or ethnicity.

Please READ INSTRUCTIONS carefully BEFORE completing application for the SFIC program.

- If all required documentation are not submitted with this application, the application will not be processed.** All questions must be answered (incomplete or incorrect applications will not be processed). Do not write "N/A" (not applicable) on the application.
- A student is eligible to receive only one scholarship per year from SFIC or CSF. Students in grade K-8 receiving tuition assistance from the CSF program are not eligible for the SFIC scholarship.
- If your child is currently in grade K through 8 and receives tuition assistance from the Children Scholarship Fund (CSF) program, do not complete this application. Your CSF Renewal application will be mailed separately.** However, if your child is receiving a CSF scholarship and is completing the 8th grade, your child is no longer eligible to receive tuition assistance from CSF to attend private high school. Therefore you can apply for an SFIC Scholarship Grant if you are considering a Catholic high school for your child.
- All previous Scholarship recipients must submit a completed application every year to be considered.
- If you are undecided about what school your child will attend in 2012-2013, please write TBD (To Be Determined) for name of school when submitting your application.
- This application must be postmarked by **December 31, 2011**. A **\$15 non-refundable MONEY ORDER payable to SFIC** is required (one per family). No personal checks will be accepted.
- Each child's parents/guardians must provide **copies of pages 1 and 2 of their SIGNED 2010 Federal 1040 and 2010 W2 forms. Do not send any New Jersey state forms or worksheets.** Your child must be listed as a dependent on the 2010 Federal 1040.
- Any other person(s) claiming your child as a dependent must include **copies of all their signed 2010 Federal 1040 and 2010 W2 forms.**
- If your child is not claimed as a dependent by anyone, the child's name must appear on the 2010 Public Assistance documentation and included with the application.
- If you have unusual financial circumstances, which you would like to explain to us, please attach a separate notarized letter and any relevant documentation that will explain your current financial situation.
- Do not call our office regarding your application status. No information will be given over the phone. All approval/denial letters will be mailed after April 16, 2012.
- Make sure to keep copies of all the forms you submitted to our office for your records. You need to notify our office in writing of any change in address, phone number or school, etc.

Applications must be postmarked by December 31, 2011 (no faxes accepted) with \$15 money order and mailed to:

<p>The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Scholarship Application 171 Clifton Avenue Newark, NJ 07104</p>
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2012-2013 SFIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Print Clearly

Child ONE Information

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) _____

Gender: Male
 Female

Relationship to Applicant(s):
 Son Daughter
 Other _____

CURRENT 2011-2012 School Year Information

School Type:

- Elementary
 High School

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Annual Tuition: \$ _____ Is your child currently receiving a scholarship from us? Yes (specify) No

SFIC (Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children) \$ _____

CSF (Children's Scholarship Fund) \$ _____

If checked Yes for CSF, please refer back to instructions on CSF and SFIC scholarship award policy.

Other Scholarships (please specify) Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

NEXT School Year 2012-2013

School Type:

- Elementary
 High School

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Annual Tuition: \$ _____

Please list other sources of tuition assistance including family members (non-custodial parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, etc.) or other scholarships (Student Partner Alliance, scholarships from school, etc.).

Specify: _____ Amount \$ _____

* **Note** – Write "TBD" for name of school if you are undecided about which school your child will attend in 2012-2013.



2012-2013 SFIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM (continued)

Please Print Clearly

Child TWO Information

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) _____ Gender: Male Female Relationship to Applicant(s):
 Son Daughter
 Other _____

CURRENT 2011-2012 School Year Information

School Type:

- Elementary
- High School

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Annual Tuition: \$ _____ Is your child currently receiving a scholarship from us? Yes (specify) No

SFIC (Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children) \$ _____

CSF (Children's Scholarship Fund) \$ _____

If checked Yes for CSF, please refer back to instructions on CSF and SFIC scholarship award policy.

Other Scholarships (please specify) Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

NEXT School Year 2012-2013

School Type:

- Elementary
- High School

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Annual Tuition: \$ _____

Please list other sources of tuition assistance including family members (non-custodial parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, etc.) or other scholarships (Student Partner Alliance, scholarships from school, etc.).

Specify: _____ Amount \$ _____

* **Note** – Write "TBD" for name of school if you are undecided about which school your child will attend in 2012-2013.



2012-2013 SFIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM (continued)

Please Print Clearly

Child THREE Information

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) _____

Gender: Male
 Female

Relationship to Applicant(s):
 Son Daughter
 Other _____

CURRENT 2011-2012 School Year Information

School Type:

- Elementary
 High School

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Annual Tuition: \$ _____

Is your child currently receiving a scholarship from us? Yes (specify) No

SFIC (Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children) \$ _____

CSF (Children's Scholarship Fund) \$ _____

If checked Yes for CSF, please refer back to instructions on CSF and SFIC scholarship award policy.

Other Scholarships (please specify) Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

NEXT School Year 2012-2013

School Type:

- Elementary
 High School

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Annual Tuition: \$ _____

Please list other sources of tuition assistance including family members (non-custodial parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, etc.) or other scholarships (Student Partner Alliance, scholarships from school, etc.).

Specify: _____ Amount \$ _____

* **Note** – Write "TBD" for name of school if you are undecided about which school your child will attend in 2012-2013.



2012-2013 SFIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM (continued)

Please Print Clearly

Child FOUR Information

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) _____

Gender: Male
 Female

Relationship to Applicant(s):
 Son Daughter
 Other _____

CURRENT 2011-2012 School Year Information

School Type:

- Elementary
 High School

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Annual Tuition: \$ _____ Is your child currently receiving a scholarship from us? Yes (specify) No

SFIC (Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children) \$ _____

CSF (Children's Scholarship Fund) \$ _____

If checked Yes for CSF, please refer back to instructions on CSF and SFIC scholarship award policy.

Other Scholarships (please specify) Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

NEXT School Year 2012-2013

School Type:

- Elementary
 High School

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Annual Tuition: \$ _____

Please list other sources of tuition assistance including family members (non-custodial parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, etc.) or other scholarships (Student Partner Alliance, scholarships from school, etc.).

Specify: _____ Amount \$ _____

* **Note** – Write "TBD" for name of school if you are undecided about which school your child will attend in 2012-2013.



2011 Parent Survey

Please fill out this optional survey and return it with your completed application.

Parent /Guardian Name: _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____
Street City/State Zip County

Home # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Email: _____ Alternative Email: _____

Marital Status (check one): Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Household Size: _____ Total Household Income: _____ Primary Language Spoken: _____

Number of children in household: _____ Number of children applying: _____

Ethnicity of Children (check and indicate number of children): African-American _____ Asian _____
 Caucasian _____ Hispanic _____ Multi-racial _____ Other _____

Religion (check one): Roman Catholic Christian/Non-Catholic Jewish Muslim
 Other (please specify) _____ None

1) If your child is currently in 8th grade, are you planning to enroll him/her into Catholic high school in 2012-2013?

(check one) Yes No Undecided

Comments _____

2) If your child is currently in 12th grade, is he/she planning to attend college in 2012-2013? (check one)

Yes No Military Work Undecided Childs Email: _____

Comments _____

3) Occasionally The Scholarship Fund is approached by the local media and is asked to interview a family who receives a scholarship. Would you or your child be willing to be interviewed by a reporter? (please check)

Yes ___ Parent ___ Child No

Comments _____

4) Throughout the year The Scholarship Fund host many fundraising events in the local area. Would you or your child be willing to talk to a group of donors and prospects at one of our events? (please check)

Yes ___ Parent ___ Child No

Please feel free to add any comments on the back of this sheet.



Scholarship Fund for Inner- City Children (SFIC)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When can I apply for the SFIC Scholarship?

A: Applications for the 2012-2013 school year will be accepted from October 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011. Please make sure to submit a complete and accurate application to the address indicated. All applications received without the proper financial documentation will not be considered. Any applications postmarked after the December 31, 2011 deadline, will not be considered.

Q: How can I get a copy of the application?

A: Applications for the 2012-2013 school year are available by visiting a Catholic elementary or high school office within the Newark Archdiocese. You may also obtain a copy by visiting 'Applications' on the SFIC webpage at www.sficnj.org starting October 1, 2011.

Q: What is needed with my application?

A: All applications must include a copy of your signed 2010 Federal 1040 form and all 2010 W-2 forms. You must also include a \$15 money order payable to SFIC. The Federal 1040 form must include the name(s) of each child for whom you are requesting assistance. If appropriate, you should also include copies of Unemployment Benefits, Child Support, Public Assistance, and Social Security.

Q: What should I do if my current financial situation is different from my income reported on my 2010 Federal 1040 form?

A: Please attach a letter explaining any change in employment or compensation status. You should also include any documentation that supports your letter.

Q: Who is eligible to apply for the SFIC scholarship?

A: Parents/Guardians of students from low income families currently or planning to enroll in a Newark Archdiocesan school (Catholic Schools within Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union counties,) are eligible to apply. For a complete list of schools, please visit www.rcan.org.

Q: Can I call the SFIC office to inquire about the status of my application?

A: No. All applications received will remain under review until final determinations are made. Due to the high volume of applications received, the SFIC staff will not be able to tell you if your application has been received. SFIC will not provide any other information before a finalized award decision has been announced. All correspondence regarding your application will be mailed to you after April 16, 2012.



Q: If my child is awarded, how is the payment made?

A: If your family has been awarded a scholarship, payments will be made directly to your child(ren's) respective school in the form of two installments: 50% of the award will be paid in February for the first half of the school year and the remaining 50% will be paid in June for the second half of the school year.

Q: If my child is currently receiving a scholarship, do I have to reapply for the following school year(s)?

A: Yes. Families must apply for the SFIC scholarship every year, regardless of whether they are currently receiving or have been past recipients of an award. Families must also supply the most current financial documentation with their application.

Q: What are the requirements needed to be considered for your scholarship?

A: Eligibility is based upon the total family income. Your child must be enrolled or attending a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Newark in grades Kindergarten to 12th and you must meet the financial requirements established by SFIC.

Q: Do I have to be living in the same town as the school my child attends to be eligible to apply?

A: No. Your child must be attending a Newark Archdiocesan school, however, you do not have to live in the same town as the school. For a complete list of schools, please visit: www.rcan.org.

Q: Can we still apply for a scholarship if my child is currently in 8th grade and has yet to be accepted to a Catholic high school before the deadline?

A: Yes, you can still apply. Please write "Catholic H.S."-TBD in the school section for 2012-2013. You need to notify The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children in writing once you have registered your child at the school of your choice.

Q: Can I receive more than one scholarship from The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children?

A: No. Only one scholarship per student is permitted. Students in grades K-8 receiving tuition assistance from The Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) program are not eligible for The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Scholarship (SFIC).