



HFS Chicago  
Scholars  
Application

2012-2013

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2013

Due  
November 18,  
2011



*St. Ignatius College Prep & St. Francis De Sales Graduates 2011*

## Who is Eligible to Apply?

Eighth grade students who satisfy the required criteria listed below are encouraged to apply for an HFS Chicago Scholarship. It may not be necessary to exhibit all five elements listed. However, the more of these criteria that you possess improves your chances of being selected as a Scholar. You must plan to attend (and eventually gain acceptance to) a private high school that requires tuition. Basic Requirements are as follows:

- Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above  
*(B average or above for 7th and 8th grades)*
- Average to above average Terranova or ITBS scores *(from seventh grade)*
- Evidence of leadership potential
- Evidence of positive academic work ethic
- Demonstration of financial need

Students who are accepted as Scholars must agree to the terms outlined in the HFS Scholarship Agreement for Success, which includes expectations for academic standards, commitment to community service, and active participation in HFS-sponsored events and mentoring.

Additionally, all incoming Scholars are required to attend and successfully complete summer enrichment courses offered by HFS in preparation for high school. Tuition for this summer program is covered by HFS.

## Important Dates

Below you will find a listing of important dates in the HFS Scholarship Application process. Please contact our office with any questions. The number below each month corresponds to the day within that month.

### NOVEMBER 18, 2011

**Completed applications due in HFS Office. Faxed applications are not accepted.**

### JANUARY 2012

Applicants notified if selected for interview.

**Reminder to Candidates** – Apply for financial aid at your prospective high schools.

### FEBRUARY 2012

**5th – Interviews held at Children of Peace School.**

### MARCH 2012

Applicants *(who were interviewed in February)* are notified if selected for scholarship.

### APRIL 2012

“Acceptance of Scholarship” forms due with final high school choice, proof of high school registration, and results from high school entrance exam.

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013

**Student Applicant Information: Please print clearly in black ink.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Race/Ethnicity (optional):

Asian  Black/African  Caucasian/White  Hispanic/Latino  Other

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year (City, State, Country)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (Apt. #) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Student  Parent

Language(s) spoken at home:  English  Spanish  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Student lives with:  Mother  Father  Stepmother  Stepfather  Other  
(Check all that apply)

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ School Office: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Years at above school: \_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Name)

➤ **Please attach copies of your seventh grade Terra Nova, ITBS or ISAT scores, your entire report card from seventh grade (all four quarters), and the first quarter of eighth grade.**

What is your area public high school? \_\_\_\_\_

*All private high schools require students to take an entrance exam and/ or fill out an application. Please call interested schools to find out about their test dates and application process.*

*Choice of High Schools:*

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Information: Please print clearly in black ink.**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Living at Home:  Yes  No  
(First) (Last)

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Living at Home:  Yes  No  
(First) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street address including Apt#) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Mother  Father

Mother's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly income as stated on 2010 Tax return or W-2: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly income as stated on 2010 Tax return or W-2: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you file a 2010 Federal Income Tax return?  Yes  No  Individually  Jointly

Other Benefits: Social Security \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Government Assistance/Public Aid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(per month) (per month)

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify)

Please attach Proof of Income (W-2 alone or paycheck stubs are not acceptable proofs of income):

- A copy of your 2010 1040 (or 1040A) tax return or
- A copy of Public Aid Determination letter or
- Proof of SSI (Supplemental Security Income)

Please explain any extraordinary circumstances that affect your family's financial situation:

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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Household Information: Please print clearly in black ink.**

Mother: _____	_____	Father: _____	_____
(Name)	(Age)	(Name)	(Age)
Child(ren)*: _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
(Name)	(Age)	(School)	(Tuition)
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
(Name)	(Age)	(School)	(Tuition)
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
(Name)	(Age)	(School)	(Tuition)

*\*Attach separate sheet of paper for additional children.*

Total Amount of tuition you pay per month for dependent child(ren)? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter of Recommendation (REQUIRED)**

*\*This may not be a family member*

With this application, you can submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf. The person you choose to recommend you should not be a relative. Acceptable persons could include (but not limited to) sports coach, school counselor, teacher, pastor, etc. In their letter they should discuss things such as your strengths and weaknesses, your leadership qualities, any special personal accomplishments and your relationship with others. The recommendation should not be more than one full typed page. The letter of recommendation should be in a sealed envelope with the name and phone number of the person recommending you clearly written on the front (you do not need to make a copy of the recommendation to include with the application).

**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

*Please answer each question completely. **Handwrite** each essay response on separate sheets of paper. Do not type responses. Responses should be 250 words or one full page each.*

1. What are your goals? How will this scholarship help you achieve these goals?
2. What are your greatest strengths and weaknesses as a student? As a person?

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Checklist (to be submitted together)**

- Completed application (*signed & dated by student & parents*).
- Letter of Recommendation (*REQUIRED*).
- Two essays (*250 words or one full page for each*).
- Copy of complete 7<sup>th</sup> grade and first quarter of 8<sup>th</sup> grade report cards.
- Seventh grade standardized test scores (*Terra Nova, ITBS or ISAT*).
- Copy of 2010 tax form or other proof of income (*W-2 alone or paycheck stubs are not acceptable*).

**Application Deadline is Friday, November 18, 2011.**

- Mail Complete Applications to:**  
**1137 West Taylor Street, #201**  
**Chicago, IL 60607**

**\*Faxed applications will not be accepted**

*We declare that the information on this form is correctly reported to the best of our knowledge. We understand that school records will also be reviewed and that HFS personnel will contact teachers and administrators as deemed necessary. Each application will be considered without discrimination due to the individual's race, color, religion, sex or national origin.*

Applicant's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**High Schools of our Scholars ~ Applicants are not bound to the current list:**

Archbishop Quigley	Lourdes	Regina Dominican
Brother Rice	Lake Forest Academy	Seton Academy
Christ the King	Madonna	St. Francis de Sales High School
Cristo Rey	Maria High School	St. Joseph
Culver Academy	Marist High School	St. Ignatius
DeLaSalle Institute	Marian Catholic	St. Laurence
Fenwick	Mother McAuley	St. Patrick
Francis W. Parker	Northridge Prep	St. Scholastica
Gordon Tech	Mount Carmel	Trinity
Hales Franciscan	Nazareth Academy	U of C Laboratory School
Holy Trinity High School	Notre Dame High School	The Willows Academy
Josephinum	Providence St. Mel	St. Patrick
Loyola Academy	Queen of Peace	The Chicago Waldorf High School
Leo High School		

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## **Our Scholars**

HFS has assisted hundreds of scholars for over 18 years and currently has just under 100 high school scholars in the 2011-2012 school year. For the 2012 –2013 school year, HFS plans to accept up to 20 new freshmen.

HFS Chicago Scholars offers its scholars intensive hands-on support and guidance from their respective HFS directors and mentors, to assure their success. In return, our HFS Scholars are required to maintain a high degree of academic discipline, attain leadership positions within school organizations, maintain a highly communicative relationship with an assigned mentor, and complete a minimum of thirty community service hours within the academic year. Our HFS Scholars are thriving. They are honor roll students (85% make their school's honor roll each year; nearly 20% achieve a grade point average (GPA) above 4.00), school government leaders, school newspaper writers and editors, athletes, concert band members and community service volunteers.

## **History of the Fund**

The Arthur Andersen Tutoring and Mentoring Program was founded in December 1992 by Mike Kennelly to work with at-risk grade school children on Chicago's West Side. Over the years, the program has provided a number of academic enrichment programs (a computer lab with teacher, business and art classes, and sports programs) to thousands of students. The HFS Chicago Scholars was created in December 1993 through funding contributions from Andersen partners to support the high school education of deserving graduates of the tutoring program. HFS has helped hundreds of young men and women access the means to success and level the playing field despite their financial disadvantage by providing them a world-class education and hands-on support.

## **Mission and Objectives**

HFS Chicago Scholars assists economically disadvantaged Chicago inner-city high school students who show academic and leadership promise achieve their educational goals by providing financial assistance and mentoring. We provide the following to our scholars: financial assistance to attend top Chicago private high schools; award-winning academic directors and one-on-one mentors; a four-year written commitment specifying performance expectations; and college selection and admissions support.

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