Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents,

As we approach the Christmas Season, I wanted to notify you of a wonderful scholarship opportunity that Catholic Community Foundation offers to our students. Catholic Community Foundation provided the Christian Service Award Scholarship to students at the end of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. The mission of the Christian Service Awards Program is to acknowledge students who demonstrate exemplary Christ-centered behavior through volunteer service to parish, school, and community. Recipients display a love and understanding of their Catholic faith and articulate a commitment, not only to perform acts of service but to live a service-focused life. They recognize their God-given gifts and provide persuasive evidence of their maturity, humility, and leadership. The application process opens on 12/15/2022 and will close on 1/20/2022. Over Christmas break is a great time to apply!

As we all know, Christian Service is defined as acts that stem from a Christ-centered belief in serving the Lord and doing His will. Service is the selfless giving of oneself to benefit others with no expectation of recognition, reward, or acknowledgment.

Please note in 2022 changes were made to previous year's CSA program, below is the list of changes implemented:

- There is no longer an in-person interview during the application process.
- The award value is \$4,000, with \$1,000 awarded annually to the recipient's selected Catholic high school for as long as they remain enrolled.
- Within the application students will be required to obtain three recommendations.

Finally, please note that the following will remain in place for the future of the program:

- 100-hour service hour minimum for all eligible students
- Continued tracking of service hours using the provided template, provided by CCF. Students MUST use the excel document titled "Service Record" to track service hours and MUST upload the document to their application as an excel document. See page 2 for more service record information.

Please visit <u>www.ccfphx.org</u> for more information.

Sincerely,

Patti Jasinski

Coordinator of Campus Ministry Projects

## Service Record Template:

All service hours completed by the student **MUST** be entered on **THIS** Service Record. The Service Record can be downloaded by scanning the QR code or by visiting our website. The minimum required hours is 100. However, the more service a student has done the stronger their application is. Qualifying service must be completed between June 1st, before the student's 7<sup>th</sup>-grade year to January 1st, the student's 8th Grade year. See Qualifying Service Guidelines for specific details and examples of qualifying services.

Detailed descriptions of your service with specific dates are **required** for application. It is okay to group hours but list all dates and total hours per day. The detailed nature of this Service Record is why we encourage students to download and start using the Service Record to track their hours from the beginning of eligibility, June 1st, before the student's 7<sup>th</sup>-grade year, and to keep up with tracking on the Service Record through January 1st of the student's 8<sup>th</sup>-grade year.

(Example: Andre Hours, serve dinner and clean up, 3 hours per day, 3/4/22. 4/16/22, 5/16/22

Christian Service Awards 2022: Service Record

All service hours completed by the student must be entered on this Service Record. 100 or more combined service hours are required between August 15, 2018 and September 15, 2021 to be eligible for this scholarship. See Qualifying Service Guidelines for specific details and other examples of qualifying service. Detailed descriptions of your service with specific dates strengthen your application and are more helpful to the review committee than general descriptions. It is okay to group hours, but list all dates and total hours per day. (Example: Andre House, serve dinner and clean up, 3 hours per day, 3/4/16, 4/1/16, 5/6/16 = 9 hours)

Applicant Name			
Name of Organization	Detailed Description of Service	Date of Service	Hours
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Scan the QR code to download the Service Record Template

For questions, please visit <u>www.ccfphx.org</u>



## STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IF THEY meet the below requirement

Household Size	Annual Family Gross Income	
1	\$60,000	
2	\$75,000	
3	\$90,000	
4	\$110,000	
5	\$125,000	
6	\$140,000	
7	\$155,000	
8	\$175,000	