



## **The Larry Russo Memorial Scholarship**

*St. Bede Campus Grades 2-6*

*New or Current Student*

### **Requirements:**

1. Families must complete an online variable Tuition Application from Smart Aid ([www.smartaidforparents.com](http://www.smartaidforparents.com)).
2. Must be a St. Bede the Venerable Parishioner.
3. Provide a copy of the student's most recent report card.
3. Secure two (2) sealed letters of recommendation from the Pastor of St. Bede Parish and a teacher/coach/friend.
6. Complete the scholarship application.
7. Submit completed application packet to the Business Office by end of school day March 1.



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### **About the Scholarship:**

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### **Amount of Award:**

The Larry Russo Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually. The Scholarship amount may vary annually. Endowment earnings and donations shall be used to award the scholarship to a student who is currently enrolled at the St. Bede Campus or will be enrolled in the following academic year.

### **Qualifications for this Scholarship:**

1. The family demonstrated financial need.
2. The student is new or currently enrolled for the fall in grades 2-6 at MCPS's St. Bede Elementary Campus.
3. The student exhibits positive Christian characteristics.
4. The student indicates a serious commitment to learning.
5. The student is a St. Bede parishioner.

### **Selection Committee:**

The selection committee will be made up of the Pastor of St. Bede the Venerable Parish and at least two members of the Russo Family, as appointed by Beth Russo.

**Application Deadline:** March 1

**Announcement of the Award:** The recipient of the Larry Russo Scholarship will be announced at the scholarship breakfast in May.



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### Applicant Information:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Parish Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants: please answer the following questions, which may be completed on a separate sheet of paper if needed.

1. Why is a Catholic education important to you?

2. Who is your favorite Saint and why?

3. What do you want us to know about you?

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School

### Letter of Recommendation

**Instructions:** We appreciate your willingness to help us get to know the applicant for the award in a fuller way. We ask that you be candid with us so that we can fairly assess the applicant's strengths and weaknesses.

We desire that this recommendation be kept confidential. Once you are finished with this form, we ask that you **seal it in an envelope**, and on the back of this envelope, **across the seam, sign your name**. This signature will be cross-referenced with the signature on this application for verification purposes.

Once this is complete, **please return the sealed envelope to the applicant. Applicant it is your responsibility to have all recommendation letters with your completed application.**

#### General Information

Name of applicant for recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of recommender (street, city and zip) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the highest or best (If no knowledge, label N/A):

\_\_\_\_\_ Commitment to his or her faith

\_\_\_\_\_ Commitment/Loyalty to family

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic commitment

\_\_\_\_\_ Commitment to a moral life

\_\_\_\_\_ Politeness/Courtesy

\_\_\_\_\_ Ability to get along with peers

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteerism/Service to others

\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership of peer group

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**Please tell us 3 characteristics that you have observed that make this student a good candidate for The Larry Russo Memorial Scholarship.**

1.

2.

3.

Signature of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_