KAZMA FAMILY Foundation Scholarship

Administered by the Catholic Education Foundation of the Diocese of Joliet

Established in 1997, the Kazma Family Foundation has been dedicated to helping make Catholic education possible by providing financial assistance to students and families in need. Guided by a deep belief in the value of Catholic education, the Kazma family's life-changing generosity has opened doors for more than 1,000 students attending Catholic high schools within the Diocese of Joliet. The Class of 2031 marks the 25th group of high school students to be supported and mentored by the Kazma family.

Through our endowment and other financial initiatives, the Catholic Education Foundation connects the generosity of people who believe in Catholic education with students and families who need support. Because when more families can choose Catholic schools, students are formed in faith, school communities grow stronger, and Catholic education can thrive for generations to come.

WHO CAN APPLY

Students in the Class of 2031 who plan to attend one of the following Catholic schools in the Diocese of Joliet are eligible to apply:

Benet Academy | Bishop McNamara | IC Catholic Prep | Joliet Catholic Academy | Montini Catholic | Providence Catholic | Saint Francis

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Students must have SIGNIFICANT financial need
- Actively attend a Catholic parish and participate heavily in community service
- Have at least a B (3.0) grade point average or higher to apply

WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDES

- A $6,000 tuition scholarship for each of the four (4) high school years
- An incentive program based on honor roll status which may increase the scholarship up to $8,000 per year

HOW TO APPLY

- Submit the application and required attachments by mail
- Application is at **www.cefjoliet.org/scholarship-grants-wcss/kazma-family-scholarship**
- Financial need and income must be verified through FACTS grant and aid application. All supporting financial documentation must be submitted and verified by FACTS

SELECTION PROCESS

- Applicants will receive an email verifying receipt of the application packet
- Candidates will be selected by a committee which will consider all materials submitted in the application packet
- All applicants will receive written notice of scholarship awards by **May 1, 2027**

Application Deadline is FEBRUARY 1, 2027