



To the Eighth Grade Students at St. Martha School,

Our parents, Patrick and Janet Smith, were part of St. Martha Parish from the very beginning. Our family moved into the Pennswood section of the parish in 1966, before St. Martha Church and St. Martha School were built. All four of us, Patrick and Janet's children, are proud graduates of both St. Martha School and Archbishop Ryan High School.

Our parents believed in Catholic education so much that public school wasn't even considered. Whatever the cost of Catholic education, it was worth it. Our father had to work hours and hours of overtime. Our mother had to be a full-time homemaker and hold down a job. And they both had to give up things they wanted in order to send us to a Catholic school. But, to them, it was worth it because of the quality of education a Catholic school offers, because of the values a Catholic school teaches, and because of the discipline a Catholic school provides.

On October 6, 1987, our mother died after a ten-year battle with cancer. She was 52 years old. Less than five years later, on June 24, 1992, our father died after suffering a stroke. He was 61. Soon after our father's death, we decided that we had to honor our father and mother for all they had done for us. Eventually, we decided the best way to honor them was to create a scholarship fund in their name.

Determining the criteria for the scholarship was fairly easy. Recipients would have to be graduating St. Martha students who would attend Archbishop Ryan, just like the four of us. Recipients would have to be good students academically, because our parents always insisted that we do our best in all of our school work. Recipients would have to be in a family that would have difficulty affording a Catholic high school education without some form of financial assistance, to recognize the sacrifices our parents made to pay for our education. Recipients would have to be students who truly valued a Catholic education, like our parents did, and who were articulate enough to tell us, in an essay, why. And finally, because one of us was in medical school when our mother died and benefited from scholarships that were set aside for single parent families, we decided to give special consideration to students who had the love and support of only one parent.

Since 1995, the Patrick and Janet Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund has awarded 70 scholarships and grants, totaling over \$400,000.00. This year we plan to grant two (2) four-year scholarships of \$12,000 each. Also, to ensure that the names of the winners of the scholarship are remembered throughout the years, we donated a plaque to St. Martha School. This plaque is hanging in a prominent place in the school and will list each recipient of the Smith Memorial Scholarship.

We encourage you to apply for the Patrick and Janet Smith Memorial Scholarship.

Sincerely,

The SMSF Board

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father: (Liv. ____ Dec. ____)

Mother: (Liv. ____ Dec. ____)

Guardian: (Liv. ____ Dec. ____)

Name

Name

Name

Street Address

Street Address

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

City, State, Zip Code

City, State, Zip Code

Employer

Employer

Employer

Occupation

Occupation

Occupation

List the people that the parents/guardians will help or totally support this year.
(e.g. indigent or chronically ill family member, nursing home support, etc.)

Persons:

Approximate Contribution:

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List additional dependents (do not include applicant):

Name:

Relation:

Age:

School:

Tuition:

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PARENTS FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- 1 What is your marital status as of today?
 Married/Remarried
 Single
 Divorced/Separated
 Widowed
- 2 Month and year you were married, separated, divorced, or widowed _ _ / _ _ _ _
- 3 For 2023, have you completed an IRS income tax return?
 Yes
 No
- 4 Reserved

- 5 What was your adjusted gross income for 2023? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040 page 1, line 11. \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _
- 6 Enter the total amount of your income tax for 2023. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040 page 2, line 16. \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _
- 7 Reserved _ _
- 8 How much did you earn from working (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) in 2023? IRS Form 1040 page 1, line 1a.

 Father/Stepfather \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _
 Mother/Stepmother \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _
- 9 As of today, what is your total current balance of **cash, savings, and checking accounts**? \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _
- 10 As of today, what is the net worth of your current **business**? \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _
- 11 As of today, what is the net worth of your **investments**, including real estate (not your home)? \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _
- 12 How much of the following did you receive in 2023?

 Social Security benefits \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _
 Child support payments \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _
 Welfare benefits \$ _ _ _ , _ _ _

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that all the information submitted in connection with this Application to the Patrick and Janet Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund is true and correct. I also affirm that the student applicant has completed the required essay without any assistance whatsoever from any other individual.

Furthermore, I understand that the Patrick and Janet Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund, its officers, directors and/or agents (hereinafter referred to as "Memorial Scholarship Fund") reserves the right to require financial disclosure/documentation including, but not limited to, tax returns and other financial statements to verify the application information. In the event of such demand by the Memorial Scholarship Fund, this information must be furnished in order for the student applicant to remain eligible.

Applicants may be photographed and the pictures included in some of our public relation materials. I do give permission for my child's image/photograph or work/essay to be used by the Memorial Scholarship Fund. We are willing to release this into the public domain and understand that no monetary compensation will be given for the use of the materials. If you DO NOT want your child photographed, please put your request in writing to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

I authorize the Registrar of St. Martha School and/or any other elementary school(s) in which the student applicant is or has been enrolled and the Registrar of Archbishop Ryan High School to release the student applicant's academic transcript(s) to the Memorial Scholarship Fund for the sole and exclusive purpose of determining Scholarship Fund eligibility.

Student Signature

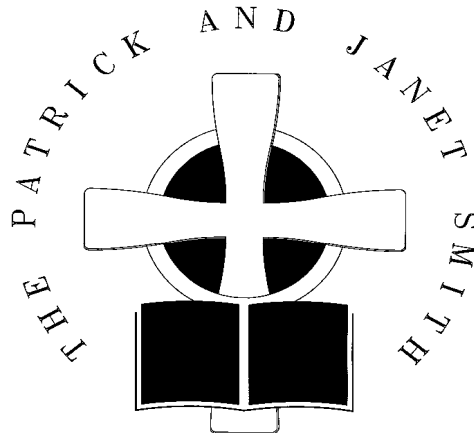
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Parent/Guardian Signature

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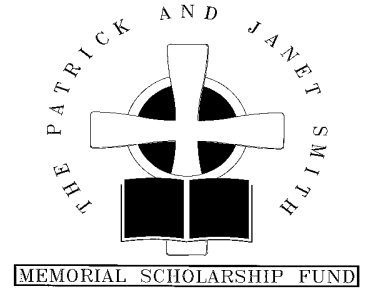
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**The Patrick and Janet Smith
Memorial Scholarship Fund
5760 Michael Drive
Bensalem, PA 19020**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Submission of this application will permit you to be considered for the award of a scholarship administered by the Patrick M. Smith and Janet T. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This application requires the candidate write an essay. The candidates parent/guardian is required to complete the financial information form. You will be notified if additional information is required. Academic records will be provided by your school.



STUDENT INFORMATION

Name : _____

Address : _____

Telephone : _____

E-mail : _____

Please list school and/or church sponsored activities (i.e., sports, alter server, peer helper, etc.) Also include any organized sports or activities outside of school.

Please list and explain any volunteer or community service work you perform.

Please list and explain any paid work you perform.

Please list any hobbies you enjoy.

Do you have fewer than two living parents/guardians? Yes: _____ No: _____

In your own words, please describe yourself and why you value a catholic education. Attach a separate sheet of paper. Your essay should be approximately 250 words and should be typed.