

Named Scholarship Eligibility Criteria/Preferences:

Joe and Noreen Kelly Scholarship: From humble family beginnings, Joe and Noreen Kelly prospered through perseverance and hard work. Joe's professional advancement brought moves throughout the Midwest. Religion and education were both extremely important to Joe and Noreen and they were life-long supporters of Catholic education and values. To write the essay for this need-based award, include information about your family background which makes hard work and Catholic education and values a motivation for your future endeavors. A FACTS application must be completed.

Raymond A. and Delilah A. Beck Scholarship: Ray Beck was the long-time City Manager of Columbia and devoted countless hours as the volunteer project manager to build Tolton Catholic High School. Ray and his wife Dee felt that a Catholic high school was necessary, not only for people of faith, but to offer school choice within the Columbia community. This award is restricted to incoming Freshman or transfer students who are 1) registered members of a Columbia parish and 2) graduates of a Catholic grade school in Columbia who have exhibited some degree of financial need. A FACTS application must be completed. The essay should address why the applicant's Catholic faith and continuing their faith-based education at the high school level is important.

Wanda Winter Memorial Scholarship: Gary Winter established this award in honor of his late wife, a person of tremendous faith, who was a devoted partner, mother, and nurse. This award is intended to support incoming or returning students who exhibit some degree of financial need. Preference will be given to students who 1) are discerning a religious order or 2) are the son/daughter of a veteran. A FACTS application must be completed and the essay should address the specific preferential criteria outlined above (if applicable), and explain why attending Tolton Catholic is important to you.

Earl Salmons, Jr. Memorial Scholarship: This award is intended to increase accessibility for minority and/or high-need students to foster a diverse student body. Preference will be given to minority female applicants; however, this is only a preference. Any (new or returning) student with demonstrated need is eligible to apply. This award will be automatically renewed for up to four years, as long as the recipient keeps a reasonable attendance record, maintains at least a 2.0 GPA and incurs no major disciplinary infractions. A FACTS application must be completed. The essay should highlight the student's demonstrated success in balancing academic priorities with active extracurricular/civic endeavors.

John & Dolly Kadlec Scholarship: John Kadlec (also known as "Mr. Mizzou") and his wife, Dolly, were always eager to help those around them and were early supporters of the effort to establish Tolton Catholic high school. This scholarship fund was established to honor their life-long example of generosity and strong faith in God. In your essay, please share your personal and career goals and the role faith plays in your life and learning. If applying for the need-based award, please also elaborate on any relevant situation that directly impacts your family's ability to afford Catholic school tuition and complete a FACTS application. If applying for the merit-based award, please expand on your personal accomplishments in the classroom and in your extracurricular activities thus far and how these accomplishments are preparing you to meet your life goals and serve the greater good.

Tom and Shirley Austin Memorial Scholarship: Tom attended Catholic school through 8th grade and thought it had a tremendous impact on his life. He and Shirley established Austin Coffee Service upon moving to Missouri and prospered through perseverance and hard work. Religion, family and education were extremely important to the couple and they were life-long supporters of Catholic education and values. The award is intended for students with a high degree of financial need. A FACTS application must be completed and the essay should address issues impacting family finances and explain why attending Tolton Catholic remains a priority for their family.

Tolton Diversity Award: We believe that the diversity of our students makes our community stronger. In order to foster an ethnically diverse student body, this award is intended for students that identify as high-need and black, indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC). Any new or returning BIPOC student is eligible to apply. This award will be automatically renewed for up to four years as long as the recipient keeps a reasonable attendance record, maintains at least a 2.0 GPA, and incurs no major disciplinary infractions. A FACTS application must be completed and the essay should explain issues impacting family finances and why attending Tolton Catholic is a priority despite the financial challenge(s).

Giangiaco Family Scholarship: This award was established to honor the memory of Dr. Joseph Giangiacomo, devoted family man and respected physician. The award is intended for students with a high degree of financial need. Preference will be given to students who 1) are experiencing, or recently experienced, a significant family hardship that caused a negative impact on the family finances (extended illness, death in the family, loss of a parent's job, etc.) or 2) who come from a multi-student family. Note: these are preferences only; any high-need student is eligible. A FACTS application must be completed and applicant's essay should address the issues impacting family finances and explain why attending Tolton Catholic is a priority for the applicant and their family despite the financial challenge(s).

Thomas Charles Bacon Memorial Scholarship: A beloved sophomore at Tolton, Thomas passed away in April of 2018. Thomas attended Locust Street Elementary, then Gentry Middle School, before making the decision to come to Tolton Catholic. He was involved in football, track and field and the Christian Diversity Committee while a Trailblazer and loved fishing, his family, and friends. His family members have made this need-based award available in his honor for the 2021-22 school year. A FACTS application must be completed. Preference will be given to new freshmen or transfer students who, like Thomas, are choosing to come to Tolton from a public school; however, any student with demonstrated need may apply. An applicant's essay should explain issues impacting family finances and why attending Tolton Catholic is a priority despite the cost.