



DONOR-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS AT TOLTON

2026–2027 School Year

The following scholarships are made possible through the generosity of Fr. Tolton Catholic High School donors. Each award has specific eligibility criteria and application requirements, and scholarship amounts vary annually based on available funding. Students seeking additional tuition assistance must first complete the FACTS financial aid application. Before applying, carefully review the eligibility criteria and essay requirements for each scholarship to confirm that you meet the stated qualifications.

Scholarship applications must be submitted online through the Tolton Financial Aid webpage at <https://toltoncatholic.org/financial-aid/>. If applying for more than one scholarship, a separate application and essay must be submitted for each award. All deadlines are firm, and late applications cannot be accepted. For questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact the Business Office.

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 his wife, 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. This scholarship 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.

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. 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.

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 registered members of a Columbia parish and 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.

Bo and Terry Fraser Scholarship Fund: A respected Columbia businessman, Bo invested considerable time and energy to advance the early capital campaign and financing efforts that secured the funds to build Tolton Catholic High School. He and his wife, Terry, established this scholarship in honor of their family. This award is restricted to incoming freshmen or transfer students who have exhibited some degree of financial need. A FACTS application must be completed. The essay should address why continuing education in a faith-based high school is important to the applicant, despite the cost.

Giangiaco Family Scholarship: This award was established to honor the memory of Dr. Joseph Giangiacomo, a 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 are experiencing, or have recently experienced, a significant family hardship that caused a negative impact on family finances (extended illness, death in the family, loss of a parent's job, etc.), or 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 the 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).



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Joseph B. and Elizabeth H. Henke Scholarship: Joseph B. and Elizabeth H. Henke Scholarship: Established in memory of Joseph B. and Elizabeth H. Henke, this scholarship honors parents who deeply valued Catholic education and made significant sacrifices to provide their children with a strong faith-based foundation. In their home, pursuing higher education was an expectation rooted in faith, discipline, and opportunity. This award is available to students enrolling or currently enrolled at Tolton Catholic High School who are registered members of a Catholic parish within the Tolton attendance area and verified graduates of a Catholic grade school. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements established by the school. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need through the FACTS application process. In your essay, reflect on how your Catholic education has shaped you so far, how attending Tolton supports your college goals, and why continuing in a faith-based school is meaningful to you and your future. At the discretion of the school, this award is renewable for up to four (4) years, provided the student remains in good standing and maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

John and Dolly Kadlec Scholarships: 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. These scholarships were created to honor their lifelong example of generosity and strong faith in God. There are two separate John and Dolly Kadlec Scholarships available. Students may apply for one or both awards; however, a separate application and essay must be submitted for each scholarship.

- **Need-Based Scholarship** - Applicants for the need-based scholarship must complete a FACTS financial aid application. In your essay, share your personal and career goals and reflect on the role faith plays in your life and learning. You should also explain any relevant circumstances that impact your family’s ability to afford Catholic school tuition.
- **Merit-Based Scholarship** - In your essay for the merit-based scholarship, share your personal and career goals and reflect on the role faith plays in your life and learning. Additionally, describe your academic and extracurricular accomplishments and explain how these experiences are preparing you to pursue your life goals and serve the greater good.

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 lifelong supporters of Catholic education and values. To write the essay for this need-based award, include information about your family background that makes hard work and Catholic education and values a motivation for your future endeavors. A FACTS application must be completed.

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 are discerning a religious order or who are the son or 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.