

# **How You Can Afford a Catholic Education!**

We are committed to making a St. Francis de Sales High School Education available to all accepted students regardless of a family's financial situation. We will work with you.

The St. Francis de Sales Work Study Program run through the *Southeast Side Experience Incubator* ensures that families that qualify will only pay between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in tuition. Work Study provides academic and educational benefits and tuition benefits.

In addition to Work Study and need based financial aid, there are numerous scholarship opportunities:

#### **Big Shoulders Fund**

The *Big Shoulders Fund* (BSF) is the school's partner and the largest funder of St. Francis de Sales High School. Big Shoulders Fund is committed to our mission and offers numerous scholarships to students who qualify. Furthermore, there are many BSF scholarships that follow a student from grade school to high school. If you are *already* receiving a BSF scholarship, let us know!

#### **Scholarships for SFDS Test-Takers**

Students who test at St. Francis de Sales automatically qualify for \$500 per year in SFDS Community Scholarship Funds. Students who test here also have the opportunity to earn Merit-Based scholarships, which can total up to \$3,500 per year for each of your child's four years of high school! Students must score an average of at least 70% on the entrance exam to qualify.

#### **Tax Credit Scholarship Opportunities**

Tax Credit Scholarships can provide students with up to 100% of tuition. Students must apply through both Big Shoulders Fund SGO and Empower Illinois. Families must apply for Tax Credit Scholarships. Applications open in January each year. St. Francs de Sales High School has had between 20 and 60 TCS over the last few years!

## **Sibling and Legacy Discounts**

We are proud to offer the siblings of current students a \$2,000 discount per year. Children and grandchildren of our alumni receive a \$1,000 discount each year.

#### Kavanaugh, Keating, Weber Scholarship

The Kavanaugh, Keating, Weber Alumni Raffle Scholarship was created in 2017 to honor the founding fathers of the St. Francis de Sales Alumni Raffle. This scholarship honors them by selecting one incoming freshman each year to receive a renewable \$3000 scholarship.

### **Other Scholarship Opportunities**

Many other individuals and scholarship granting organizations support our students, including organizations such as Cuneo, Irish Fellowship Fund, Daniel Murphy, LINK Unlimited, Phoenix/Caritas, HFS Scholars and Moving Foreward, a scholarship exclusive to SFDS.

It is our pleasure to meet with families to discuss how we can be of assistance. Please contact the Director of Community Relations, Mrs. Mary Kay Ramirez, at 773.731.7272 ext. 317, for more information.