

SAINT LEO THE GREAT
GIFT CARD YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION
2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR
(July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)

Application Due Date: March 1, 2017
Submit directly to Parish, School, or PSR office

FAMILY NAME: _____

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

NAME OF CHILD (OR CHILDREN)	PROGRAM* (circle one per child)	GRADE (FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR)	AMT REQUESTED	OFFICE USE ONLY
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*Enter S=School, L=LCHS, P=PSR, Y=Youth Ministry, or A=SLAA.

Justification for the Requested Amount

(Please provide a brief description of why you are requesting the specific amount(s) listed above.)

I have read the eligibility requirements on the opposite side of this form and hereby agree to abide by those requirements. I agree to be a participant in the Gift Card program during the calendar year of 2017 by purchasing gift cards on a regular basis.

Parent of Guardian Signature

Date

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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

The Gift Card Youth Scholarship Fund (GCYSC) is a program run by volunteers at Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church to support all Youth activities in our Parish. This program supports students that attend our Catholic Elementary School, Lancaster Catholic High School (LCHS), and the Parish School of Religion (PSR), as well as participants in our Saint Leo's Athletic Association (SLAA) and Youth Ministry Programs.

A portion of net proceeds from Gift Card sales are placed into the Scholarship Fund. The larger the proceeds are from sales, the larger the fund, and the more dollars available to distribute to Scholarship recipients. Therefore, all purchasers are encouraged to buy as many gift cards as practical throughout the year AND to purchase the gift cards with the highest margins. Also, participants should encourage others to do the same.

Scholarship Applications are due on or before March 1, 2017 of each year for the upcoming school year. A scholarship committee (appointed by the Pastor) will review all applications and determine eligibility and the projected scholarship amount for each applicant. **Each applicant will then be notified regarding the status of their application around May 15th.**

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Scholarship amounts will appear as a credit on the tuition agreement or statement for each family. In the event the tuition bill is fully paid, a credit will be carried on their account for the following school year. There will be no cash distributions, except in extreme circumstances. Each family's maximum scholarship amount is capped at the amount of their total tuition and fees for the year.

Distribution of Funds under the program is contingent upon continued operation of the program by volunteers and the generation of sufficient proceeds to meet the projected scholarship amounts. **It is expected that approximately \$35,000 will be available from this Scholarship Fund for the upcoming School Year of 2017-2018.**

Credit to families' accounts will be made by disbursing proceeds directly to each of the groups administering tuition or fees (e.g. the School, PSR, YM, SLAA, or LCHS). It will then be the responsibility of each group to allocate the scholarship funds to each grantee's account.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Those applying for a scholarship must meet one or more of the following criteria for the 2017-2018 school year:
 - a. Have at least one child enrolled in Saint Leo the Great Catholic School
 - b. Have at least one child enrolled in Lancaster Catholic High School
 - c. Have at least one child enrolled in the Saint Leo the Great PSR program
 - d. Have at least one child regularly participating in the Saint Leo Youth Ministry Program
 - e. Have at least one child participating on a sports team run by the SLAA.
2. Those applying for a scholarship must be regular purchasers of Gift Cards throughout the year.
3. Demonstrated Financial Need is NOT an eligibility requirement.