



# Beyond Sunday

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## ***Beyond Sunday Fellows (High School) Program 2020-2021 School Year***

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### ***How many scholarships will be available for the 2020-2021 school year?***

Up to 50 new Beyond Sunday Fellows scholarships will be awarded throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis, primarily for incoming freshmen.

#### ***Who should apply?***

More than 1,500 high school applications were received last year for a total of 50 new awards. While the Beyond Sunday Fellows Program is open to all faiths, Catholic families who are registered in a parish receive priority, and approximately 100% of the program's current recipients meet this criteria. The Roman Catholic Foundation anticipates this will be the same in the coming years.

#### ***How are award decisions made for the Beyond Sunday Fellows?***

Award decisions are made according to the following priorities:

- Family's Income Eligibility
  - Required supporting documentation of income listed on application must be submitted by applicant and verified by the TTEF scholarship office by February 28, 2020.
  - To be considered income-eligible, a family's income must fall within the Beyond Sunday income guidelines before any changes to income
- Number of Awards per Grade Level
  - An approximately equal number of awards per grade level will be maintained from year to year
- Number of Awards per School
  - A minimum of one award per school, either new or requalifying, will typically be maintained for each school with qualified applications
- Student short answer responses that demonstrate alignment with the objectives of the Fellows program
  - While there is a length requirement, responses are evaluated on content, not mechanics or writing ability
  - Please note: Responses must be entered directly into the space available on the online application. Due to high volume, emailed, faxed, and mailed short answer responses and edits will not be considered. We are also unable to accept emailed, faxed, or mailed contact information for references and cannot accept any letters of recommendation.

#### ***When are award decisions made?***

Award decisions are made immediately after the Beyond Sunday application deadline (February 28, 2020). Due to the high volume of applications received, late applications cannot be accepted. Applications without short answer responses, essays, or verified income by the deadline will not be considered.

#### ***Why are there new award amounts and income guidelines?***

The objective of the Beyond Sunday Scholarship program is increase access to high-quality Catholic education for middle-income families. The Beyond Sunday income guidelines have been revised to align with the US Census' definition of middle-income, and award amounts have been adjusted to be able to serve as many families as possible. **Current award amounts will be honored for families already receiving Beyond Sunday scholarships.**