

## HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL

### STENSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

#### Background:

Established in 2016, this scholarship fund was set up to honor the Stenson family. The Stensons are descendants of immigrant families that came to America at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century from Slovakia and established a home in the mountains of southwestern PA where they found work in the coalmines. Joseph and Anne Stenson moved to Cleveland in the 1950s to the "old neighborhood" around Holy Name Church. The move was not successful in bettering their lives as Joseph suffered a disabling stroke soon afterwards. They subsisted on the hard work of Anne at many odd jobs and on government aid. Despite this hardship, their three children, Joseph '61, David '63 and Anne V '71 (Vickie), attended Holy Name and put themselves through college and graduate school with scholarships and student loans. They worked as college professors and research scientists and are involved in community service in environmental issues, literacy and anti-hunger programs. Their children are physicists and biologists at prestigious institutes. The family strongly believes that education was the key to their success. They would like to help young people growing up in similarly challenging circumstances get a good education that will lead them to successful lives. We feel Holy Name has a strong tradition in providing an academic and moral foundation for success and hope to assist young scholars meet their educational goals.

The annual total award shall be \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) and may be awarded to a recipient in any increment (not to exceed \$10,000 in total per annum) at the discretion of the school's Scholarship Award Committee. Consideration will be given to award multiple recipients and to increase the annual award dollar amount contingent on receiving a matching gift. The scholarships will be awarded at the class awards assemblies held in May. This grant will be used for the following academic year.

#### Applicant Criteria:

- The applicant must be currently enrolled as a freshman, sophomore, or junior at Holy Name.
- The applicant must demonstrate financial need. Therefore, families must complete the FACTS form. Special consideration may be given to other extenuating financial circumstances.
- The applicant must be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Students reapplying for the scholarship must also be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- The applicant must have a desire to pursue a Catholic education and intend to go to college or acquire career training.
- Preference may be given to students who live in the city of Cleveland and/or show an interest and aptitude for math and sciences.

#### Selection Committee:

- A representative from the Stenson family
- The principal of Holy Name High School
- One of the assistant principals of Holy Name High School
- One current faculty member of Holy Name High School as chosen by the Stenson family and the administration of Holy Name High School

#### Application Process:

The student will be required to complete the application on the back of this page, providing the following information either printed or typed:

- Name, address, grade, homeroom, age, and grade point average
- School, parish, leadership and/or community project involvement of applicant
- Applicant's signature and a parent/guardian's signature

*The application must be accompanied by a brief essay that considers the following two questions:*

**a) Why is Holy Name important to you?**

**b.) After you graduate from Holy Name, what are your aspirations? What circumstances or people in your life have motivated you in these aspirations?**

**The completed scholarship application must be returned to the Holy Name Advancement Office by Thursday, March 21, 2019.**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate G.P.A. (Grade Point Average) \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: For the following questions, if more room is needed for answers, feel free to attach typed responses to the application.*

**Please list all school-related activities, leadership roles (athletics, clubs, organizations, etc.), or service-related projects you have been or are presently involved in.**

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**List any non-school related leadership roles, activities or service-related projects that you are involved in.**

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**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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