

# THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR INNER-CITY CHILDREN (SFIC)

## 2014-2015 SFIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For children attending Catholic school  
within the Archdiocese of Newark in BERGEN, ESSEX, HUDSON and UNION counties.

Scholarships are awarded without regard to religion, race or ethnicity.

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Please **READ INSTRUCTIONS** carefully **BEFORE** completing application for the SFIC program.

1. If all required documentation are not submitted with this application, the application will not be processed. All questions must be answered (incomplete or incorrect applications will not be processed). Do not write "N/A" (not applicable) on the application. The SFIC office will not contact you looking for missing information or documentation.
2. A student is eligible to receive only one scholarship per year from SFIC or CSF. **If your child is currently in grade K through 8 and receives tuition assistance from the Children Scholarship Fund (CSF) program, do not complete this application. Your CSF Renewal application will be mailed separately.** However, if your child is receiving a CSF scholarship and is completing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, your child is no longer eligible to receive tuition assistance from CSF to attend Catholic high school. Therefore you can apply for an SFIC Scholarship Grant if you are considering a Catholic high school for your child.
3. All previous SFIC Scholarship recipients must submit a completed application every year to be considered.
4. If you are undecided about what school your child will attend in 2014-2015, please write TBD (To Be Determined) for name of school when submitting your application.
5. This application must be postmarked by **December 31, 2013**. A **\$15 non-refundable MONEY ORDER payable to SFIC** is required (one per family). **NO PERSONAL CHECKS will be accepted.**
6. Each child's parents/guardians must provide **copies of pages 1 and 2 of their SIGNED 2012 Federal 1040 and 2012 W2 forms. Do not send any New Jersey state forms or worksheets. Your child must be listed as a dependent on the 2012 Federal 1040.** Married couples filing separately must attach both 2012 Federal 1040 and 2012 W2 forms.
7. Any other person(s) claiming your child as a dependent must include **copies of all their signed 2012 Federal 1040 and 2012 W2 forms.**
8. If applicable, also include with application your **2012 YEAR-END** Social Security Income, Food Stamps, Housing, Unemployment Benefits, Child Support Assistance, Social Services statements (TANF) etc.
9. If your child is not claimed as a dependent by anyone, the child's name must appear on the 2012 Public Assistance documentation and included with the application.
10. If you have unusual financial circumstances, which you would like to explain to us, please attach a separate notarized letter and any relevant documentation that will explain your current financial situation.
11. Do not call our office regarding your application status. No information will be given over the phone. All approval/denial letters will be mailed after April 15, 2014.
12. Make sure to keep copies of all the forms you submitted to our office for your records. You need to notify our office in writing of any change in address, phone number or school, etc.

**Applications must be postmarked by December 31, 2013 (no faxes accepted) with \$15 money order and mailed to:**

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children  
Scholarship Application  
171 Clifton Avenue  
PO Box 9500  
Newark, NJ 07104-0500



## 2014-2015 SFIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (APPLICANT FORM)

<b>A</b>	<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN:</b> Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother <input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
Mailing Address: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Street</span> <span>Apt #</span> <span>City/State</span> <span>Zip</span> </div>	
Work Ph: (____) _____ Home Ph: (____) _____ Cell Ph: (____) _____	
Marital Status (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated (date of separation): _____	
Occupation: _____ Email: _____	

<b>B</b>	<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN:</b> Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother <input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian
Title: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Is this Parent/Guardian residing with Applicant A above? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
Mailing Address: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Street</span> <span>Apt #</span> <span>City/State</span> <span>Zip</span> </div>	
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Occupation: _____ Email: _____	

Total number of people in household **Reported** on your 2012 Federal 1040: ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

Application requirements – If financial documentation is missing, your application will be considered incomplete and your application will not be processed. The SFIC office will not contact you looking for missing information or documentation.

If you have filed a 2012 IRS Form 1040 – Submit copies of the following:			
Pages 1 and 2 of your 2012 signed Federal Tax Return Forms? <b>DO NOT</b> include your State Tax Return.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is your child listed as a dependant on your taxes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Copy of your 2012 W-2 Forms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If your child is NOT listed as a dependant, please explain in a Notarized Letter.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you did not file taxes and you received non-taxable income for 2012 (Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2012) – Submit copies of the following:			
Social Services statement (TANF), etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Housing Assistance documentation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Cash Assistance documentation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Social Security Income statements showing Total Amounts received in 2012 for ALL members of the household?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Food Stamp documentation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2012 Child Support Assistance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2012 Unemployment Benefits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Proof of Guardianship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A \$15 Money Order made payable to SFIC? (No personal checks will be accepted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If you have a current unusual financial circumstance that require explanation, please include a letter with your application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I/we certify that I/we have answered ALL questions truthfully and that I/we have submitted documentation of my/our entire household income for the year 2012. If any information submitted is found to be false, I/we understand that this application will be voided. I/we also certify that I/we possess sufficient funds, to cover tuition costs not covered by any scholarship award.

Parent/Guardian A Print Name	Signature of Parent/Guardian A	Date
Parent/Guardian B Print Name	Signature of Parent/Guardian B	Date

## 2014-2015 SFIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (STUDENT FORM)

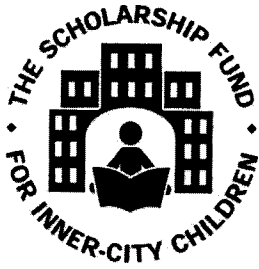
<b>Please provide the following information ONLY for the children for whom you are applying in grade K-12:</b>				
<b>STUDENT</b> First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Age	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Is this child listed on your 2012 Federal 1040? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please provide proof of guardianship)				
Check: <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		Check: <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Catholic		Relationship to Parent/Guardian A <input type="checkbox"/> Son <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild
<b>2013-2014 School Year Information</b>				
Current 2013-2014 School Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Elem <input type="checkbox"/> HS		School City	Grade	Annual Tuition \$
Is this student currently receiving a scholarship from us? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> SFIC (Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children) \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CSF (Children's Scholarship Fund) \$ _____ <i>If Yes for CSF, please refer to instructions on CSF and SFIC scholarship award policy.</i>				
<b>2014-2015 School Year Information</b>				
Catholic School Student plans on attending in 2014-2015: <input type="checkbox"/> Elem <input type="checkbox"/> HS		School City	Grade	Annual Tuition \$
Note: write "TBD" above for the name of the school if you are undecided about which Catholic School your child will attend in 2014-2015.				

<b>Please provide the following information ONLY for the children for whom you are applying in grade K-12:</b>				
<b>STUDENT</b> First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Age	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Is this child listed on your 2012 Federal 1040? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please provide proof of guardianship)				
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<b>STUDENT</b> First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Age	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Is this child listed on your 2012 Federal 1040? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please provide proof of guardianship)				
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<b>STUDENT</b> First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Age	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Is this child listed on your 2012 Federal 1040? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please provide proof of guardianship)				
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# The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Invites Families to Apply for Annual Scholarships

## Facts About The Scholarship Fund

- For families with children in grades K-12 attending Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Newark (Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties).
- Scholarships are based upon financial need and are awarded without regard to religion, race or ethnicity.
- Currently the SFIC General Scholarship Fund awards a \$1,000 tuition assistant grant to elementary and high School students entering grades K through 12. (All Pre-Kindergarten programs are not eligible).
- Scholarship applications for 2014-2015 school year will be available starting October 1, 2013 at your Catholic School office and at [www.sficnj.org](http://www.sficnj.org).
- Applications must be postmarked by **December 31, 2013**.
- Financial documentation is required along with the completed application.
- A \$15 non-refundable Money Order payable to SFIC is required (one per family). No personal checks will be accepted.
- Only one scholarship per student. Students in grades K-8 receiving tuition assistance from The Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) program are not eligible for The SFIC scholarship.
- All applicants will be notified of our decision after April 15, 2014.
- Scholarship payments are made directly to the schools.

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children  
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Phone: (973) 497-4279  
Website: [www.sficnj.org](http://www.sficnj.org)

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** When can I apply for the SFIC Scholarship?

**A:** Applications for the 2014-2015 school year will be accepted starting October 1, 2013 until December 31, 2013. Please make sure to submit a complete and accurate application to the address indicated. All applications received without the proper financial documentation will not be considered. Any applications postmarked after the December 31, 2013 deadline, will not be considered.

**Q:** How can I get a copy of the application?

**A:** Applications for the 2014-2015 school year are available by visiting a Catholic elementary or high school office within the Newark Archdiocese. You may also obtain a copy by visiting 'Applications' on the SFIC webpage at [www.sficnj.org](http://www.sficnj.org) starting October 1, 2013.

**Q:** What is needed with my application?

**A:** All applications must include a copy of your signed 2012 Federal 1040 form and all 2012 W-2 forms. You must also include a \$15 money order payable to SFIC. The Federal 1040 form must include the name(s) of each child for whom you are requesting assistance. If appropriate, you should also include copies of Unemployment Benefits, Child Support, Public Assistance, and Social Security.

**Q:** What should I do if my current financial situation is different from my income reported on my 2012 Federal 1040 form?

**A:** Please attach a notarized letter explaining any change in employment or compensation status. You should also include any documentation that supports your letter.

**Q:** What should I do if I/we did not file in 2012 Federal IRS Tax return?

**A:** Please attach a notarized letter detailing your total household income for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. You should include any documentation that supports your household income. You must also submit documentation that the applicant is the legal guardian of the students you are requesting aid for.

**Q:** Who is eligible to apply for the SFIC scholarship?

**A:** Parents/Guardians of students in grades K-12 from low income families currently or planning to enroll in a Catholic school located in the Archdiocese of Newark within Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union counties are eligible to apply. For a complete list of schools, please visit [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org).

**Q:** Once an application is mailed, can I call the SFIC office to inquire about the status of my application?

**A:** No. All applications received will remain under review until final determinations are made. Due to the high volume of applications received, the SFIC staff will not be able to tell you if your application has been received. SFIC will not provide any other information before a finalized

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award decision has been announced. All correspondence regarding your application will be mailed to you after April 15, 2014.

**Q:** Will you notify me if my application is incomplete or missing information?

**A:** No. Due to the high volume of applications we receive, the SFIC staff will not contact parents asking for additional information. Please read and follow the directions carefully and submit all necessary financial information required with the application.

**Q:** If my child is awarded, how is the payment made?

**A:** If your family has been awarded a scholarship, payments will be made directly to your child(ren's) respective school in the form of two installments: 50% of the award will be paid in February for the first half of the school year and the remaining 50% will be paid in June for the second half of the school year.

**Q:** If my child is currently receiving a scholarship, do I have to reapply for the following school year(s)?

**A:** Yes. Families must apply for the SFIC scholarship every year, regardless of whether they are currently receiving or have been past recipients of an award. Families must also supply the most current financial documentation with their application.

**Q:** What are the requirements needed to be considered for your scholarship?

**A:** Eligibility is based upon the total family household income. Your child must be enrolled or attending a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Newark in grades Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> and you must meet the financial requirements established by SFIC.

**Q:** Do I have to be living in the same town as the school my child attends to be eligible to apply?

**A:** No. Your child must be attending a Newark Archdiocesan school, however, you do not have to live in the same town as the school. For a complete list of schools, please visit: [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org).

**Q:** Can we still apply for a scholarship if my child is currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has yet to be accepted to a Catholic high school before the deadline?

**A:** Yes, you can still apply. Please write "Catholic H.S."-TBD in the school section for 2014-2015. You will need to notify The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children in writing once you have registered your child at the school of your choice.

**Q:** Can I receive more than one scholarship from The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children?

**A:** No. Only one scholarship per student is permitted. Students in grades K-8 receiving tuition assistance from The Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) program are not eligible for The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Scholarship (SFIC).