

# 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:**

<p><b>The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children</b> Scholarship Application 171 Clifton Avenue PO Box 9500 Newark, NJ 07104-0500</p>
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## 2013 Family Questionnaire

*Throughout the year our donors ask us for background information about the students and families they are assisting.*

*Your participation in filling out this form is optional.*

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You may use the space provided or attach a separate piece of paper. Please print or type your response. Parents may reply for younger students.

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**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. # City/State/Zip

Please answer the following questions:

For PARENTS:

- 1) Please tell us why as a parent sending your child to a Catholic school is important to you and your family? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Why did you select this school for your child to attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For STUDENTS:

- 3) Please have your child write a brief description about themselves telling our donors about the school they are attending; what are their best subjects; who is their favorite teacher; include any academic awards or honors? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4) What extra-curricular activities do they do in their school, community or their church? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- 5) How do they feel attending Catholic school will impact their future goals? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Occasionally, The Scholarship Fund is approached by the local media and is asked to interview a family who receives a scholarship. Would you or your child be willing to be interviewed by a reporter? *(Please check)* ☐ Yes \_\_\_\_Parent \_\_\_\_Child ☐ No

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Throughout the year The Scholarship Fund host many fundraising events in the local area. Would you or your child be willing to talk to a group of donors and prospects at one of our events? *(Please check)* ☐ Yes \_\_\_\_Parent \_\_\_\_Child ☐ No

## 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 <b>Applicant A</b> 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

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## 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 1.</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 2.</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		
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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 \$	
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<b>STUDENT 3.</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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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 4.</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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