

THE
FRANCES JOSEPH GAUDET
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



A PROGRAM OF EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES
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PURPOSE

To advance the education of Black African American students through need-based partial scholarships to attend primary and secondary schools that offer rigorous curricula in preparation for entry to and completion of college.

GUIDELINES

The Frances Joseph Gaudet funds are to be used solely for the education of Black African Americans.

Gaudet Scholarships will be awarded to provide need-based partial scholarships to Black African American students. Priority will be given to students living within the Diocese of Louisiana attending Episcopal Schools.

The Report of Family Contribution (School Report) from School and Student Service for Financial Aid or a report by ISM FAST and a contribution from the student's school, provided that said school awards need-based financial aid, are required for consideration of a Gaudet Scholarship award.

Scholarships will be awarded to individual students. Funds will be disbursed to the school on behalf of the student.

A student who is awarded a scholarship in a given year is eligible for awards in future years, provided that student fulfills the normal application guidelines each year.

Applications for the 2012-2013 academic year are due to Episcopal Community Services (ECS) by Friday, March 30, 2012.

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered for a Gaudet Scholarship, a student must already be accepted for admission to a school, and the student's parent(s) must have made a commitment for the child to attend that school. Furthermore, if the student's school gives need-based financial aid, that student must have received a financial aid award for the upcoming academic year to be considered.

Use the information below as a checklist to ensure that all information is submitted. ECS must receive all requested information by the deadline in order to consider a student's application.

THE PARENTS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PFS).

Complete and send to School and Student Service for Financial Aid, P.O. Box 6657, Princeton, NJ 08541-6657.

The Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) is a financial aid application that is processed by the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS). Using the information provided in a family's PFS, this organization generates an analysis of the family's finances and determines a suggested family contribution by that family towards educational expenses. SSS sends this analysis, which is called the Report of Family Contribution, to ECS.

The SSS code number for ECS is 3619 (see question 7A of the PFS application). Even if your child's school requires a PFS as part of its financial aid process, you must request that SSS send a copy of the Report of Family Contribution to ECS.

For Baton Rouge residents, you may use the ISM FAST forms instead of SSS.

Parents must complete and send the following documents to Episcopal Community Services, P.O. Box 5026, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-5026

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PERMISSION TO RELEASE STUDENT RECORDS FORM

Copy of the parent's **TAX RETURN** as filed with the Internal Revenue Service (form 1040/1040a with W-2) and all schedules.

STUDENT ESSAY. All applications for grades 6-12 must include a brief statement written by the student. Topic: "Why the educational experience at this school is important to me."

DEADLINE

Episcopal Community Services must receive all the documents above no later than March 30, 2012. ECS will notify applicants by mail by mid-June.

THE GAUDET SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHEET FOR SCHOOLS

Parents or guardians turn this form in to the school's financial aid officer. Once the school has computed their financial aid awards, they will send this completed form to ECS.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

All Gaudet Scholarship awards are made at the discretion of Episcopal Community Services, a private organization. It is possible that the number of students that apply and qualify for Gaudet Scholarships is greater than Episcopal Community Services can support.

THE GAUDET LEGACY

Frances Joseph Gaudet was born in a log cabin in Holmesville, Pike County, Mississippi in 1861. Her father was a former slave. She was a seamstress by profession, yet she became a major philanthropist in New Orleans at the turn of the century.

Mrs. Gaudet earned a national reputation as a prison reformer and missionary. She was a true leader who united forces from diverse segments of society to affect social change. This determined woman was not only a primary force in the establishment of better conditions for the city's indigent mentally ill, she was also a driving force behind the establishment of the first juvenile court in New Orleans.

She believed that the formation of a school was essential to fulfilling her mission to provide protection and education for the homeless children who were often incarcerated for vagrancy. Somehow against great odds she found the \$5,000 necessary to purchase 105 acres of land on Old Gentilly Road. This inspired woman founded the Gaudet Normal and Industrial School for Black Youth in 1902. It was both an orphanage and a school known for its academic excellence.



Mrs. Gaudet had the wisdom to leave her trust to the Episcopal Church in such a way that her mission would continue to find new ways of expression in changing times.

Today, Mrs. Gaudet's legacy lives on through that trust to the Episcopal Church. The Board of Directors of Episcopal Community Services, a ministry of the Church, administers funds for the Gaudet Scholarship Program as well as for other programs benefiting underserved children and families in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas.

Mrs. Gaudet dedicated her life to building alliances with people of every race and class. The Episcopal Community Services Board of Directors, as stewards of the Gaudet Fund, is committed to keeping her purpose alive.

GAUDET SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHEET FOR SCHOOLS

Parents: Give this form to the financial aid officer at your child's school for him/her to fill out.

To the applicant's school:

Completion of this form is required as part of the following student's application for a Frances Gaudet Scholarship. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Hirstius or Liz Shortess at 225-706- 6634. As soon as your financial aid awards are computed, please forward completed form to:

Gaudet Scholarship Program Episcopal Community Services
Post Office Box 5026, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 OR
fax to 225-706-6653

Student's Name

Grade Entering

PLEASE ATTACH

- _____ Copy of applicant's financial aid award for the upcoming school year
- _____ Other information you feel the committee should know

ENROLLMENT STATUS

- _____ Returning Student or
- _____ New Student Accepted for the upcoming school year

Has a contract, deposit, or other commitment for the upcoming school year been executed between school and student's family? _____ Yes _____ No

FINANCIAL AID PROFILE

What is tuition for the above grade level for the upcoming school year? \$ _____

Please indicate the dollar amount offered/committed to this student for the upcoming school year from each of the following sources:

Need Based Financial Aid Award \$ _____

Tuition Waiver or Merit Based Award \$ _____

Previously Dedicated ECS Funds \$ _____

Other (please specify) \$ _____

None (please explain) \$ _____

Person Completing This Worksheet _____ Title _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

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PARENTS COVENANT WITH EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Episcopal Community Services (herein called ECS) is the agency of the Diocese of Louisiana charged with administering the Frances Joseph Gaudet funds and awarding grants from such funds; and

WHEREAS, the Frances Joseph Gaudet funds are to be used solely for the education of Black African American children; and

WHEREAS, Gaudet Scholarships are partial need-based scholarships intended to be an enhancement to and not a substitute for any financial assistance the student may receive from the school's financial aid program or other sources, including financial contributions from the student's parents; and

WHEREAS, Gaudet Scholarships will be awarded to provide need-based partial scholarships to Black African American students, with priority given to students living within the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and attending Episcopal schools; and

WHEREAS, the Report of Family Contribution from School and Student Service for Financial Aid or a report ISM FAST; and a Letter of Financial Aid Award detailing the school's contribution (provided that said school awards need- based financial aid) are required for consideration of a Gaudet Scholarship award; and

WHEREAS, scholarships will be awarded to individual students, with funds disbursed to the school on behalf of the student; and

WHEREAS, a student who is awarded a scholarship in a given year is eligible for awards in future years, provided that student fulfills the normal application guidelines each year; and

WHEREAS, funds awarded are to be used solely for the designated student at the designated school during the designated school year.

THEREFORE, in order to comply with the requirements of the Gaudet Scholarship, the undersigned parent(s) agrees to:

- a) Complete in full the Gaudet Scholarship Application, including the Permission to Release Student Records, the Parents' Financial Statement application, and agrees to:
- b) Submit to ECS a copy of the school's Letter of Financial Aid Award signed by the parent(s); copy of parent(s) previous year Tax Return, Student Essay (grades 6-12 only), and agrees to:
- c) Submit an ECS Progress Report in December and June of the academic year; inform ECS of any changes in the student's enrollment or financial status during the course of the academic year.

I/we submit this Gaudet Scholarship Application for

_____ (student's name) who is entering grade _____ and is enrolled at _____ (school's name) for the upcoming academic year.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Nell Bolton
Executive Director, Episcopal Community Services

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STUDENT INFORMATION AND ENROLLMENT STATUS

Student's Name _____

Street Address _____

Phone No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grade Entering _____ Gender _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Social Security # _____

If applicant is an Episcopalian, please indicate the congregation of which he/she is a member.

Name of school student will attend during the upcoming school year:

School's Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone No. _____

Fax No. _____

Has student already been selected for admission to the above school for the upcoming school year?

_____ Yes _____ No

Has a contract, deposit, or other enrollment commitment for the upcoming school year been executed between the school and student's family? _____ Yes _____ No

Does student have any siblings who will attend this school next year? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of school student is attending during the current school year:

All applications for grades 6-12 must include a brief statement written by the student. Topic:

Why the educational experience at this school is important to you.

Is the student a Black African American? _____ Yes _____ No

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HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

The following information should be completed by and about the parent/guardian responsible for the student's educational expenses. All correspondence will be sent to this person.

Student's Name _____

Applicant Lives With (check all that apply) _____ Father _____ Mother _____ Stepfather _____ Stepmother
_____ Other

Father/Stepfather/Guardian _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone No. _____ Evening Phone No. _____

Employed By _____ Occupation _____

Highest Educational Level Completed _____

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone No. _____ Evening Phone No. _____

Employed By _____ Occupation _____

Highest Educational Level Completed _____

Number of dependent children receiving financial support from you: _____

How many dependent children do you have in tuition-charging schools? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Relationship to Student _____

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FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Student's Name _____

CURRENT YEAR COSTS

What is the total dollar amount for the student's tuition and fees for the current school year?

\$ _____

Of the above amount, how much was paid by the student's family?

\$ _____

Did the student receive financial aid for the current school year?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please indicate \$ amount received from each source of funding.

School's contribution \$ _____

Gaudet Scholarship \$ _____

Other (please specify) \$ _____

UPCOMING YEAR COSTS

What is the total dollar amount for the student's tuition for the upcoming school year?

\$ _____

What is the Recommended Family Contribution determined by the SSS? \$ _____

If the RFC is zero or a negative number, how much can your family reasonably contribute?

\$ _____

Please indicate any additional sources of funding to be provided for the upcoming school year.

Financial Aid Award \$ _____

Tuition Waiver \$ _____

Other Sources of Funding \$ _____

(please specify)

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PERMISSION TO RELEASE STUDENT RECORDS

To the parent(s): This form will give the following school/organization permission to complete the Gaudet Scholarship Worksheet for Schools in consideration for your application for a Gaudet Scholarship.

All information will be held in confidence and all files will be destroyed.

Student's Name

_____ (mm/dd/yy) _____

Student's Date of Birth

Student's Social Security Number

Name of School Applicant Will Attend in the upcoming school year

Grade Entering

NOTE: The ECS Scholarship Committee cannot act until all necessary information has been received.

I/We hereby authorize Episcopal Community Services (ECS) to contact the above school and/or SSS or ISM FAST to obtain information to support my/our application for a Frances Gaudet Scholarship. I/We release every person and institution from any and all liability resulting from or pertaining to the furnishing of records, documents and other information provided to ECS for that purpose. To complete the application process, I/we authorize the release of my/our child's academic and financial aid information including reports from SSS or ISM FAST. My signature below indicates that I have read and agree with the policies noted above to authorize the release of the requested information both now and throughout the school year.

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date _____

To the School: Gaudet Scholarships are partial need-based scholarships intended to be an enhancement to and not a substitute for financial assistance the student would otherwise receive from the school's financial aid program or other sources, including financial contributions from the student's family.