

**Immaculata Scholarship**  
**In Memory of Joan Tarpey McNelis**  
*Sponsored by the Cana Foundation*

The Immaculata Scholarship is established for students entering Scecina Memorial High School (SMHS) who have attended Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School (OLL) for a minimum of grades 7 and 8 and who meet the requirements stated below. The scholarship value for an individual student will be the amount of family financial need, up to the level of full tuition, as determined by Scecina Memorial High School through its normative financial aid application and assessment procedures. An individual student's scholarship will be renewable each year if he or she maintains his or her eligibility according to the expectations outlined below.

All nominees must submit a brief essay describing why they want to attend Scecina Memorial High School and explaining their interests and goals for high school. **The essay must be written by the student.** This must be submitted to Miriam Medina (mmedina@scecina.org) at Scecina by **February 5, 2024**.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- The Immaculata Scholarship is available to Our Lady of Lourdes School students who attend Scecina Memorial High School.
- Recipients must have attended Our Lady of Lourdes during their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade years.
- Priority consideration shall be given to students and recipients who are and remain active OLL parishioners, followed by students and recipients who are and remain active members of another parish or congregation.
- Recipients must maintain a “B” average or better throughout grades 7 and 8 at OLL, or, according to the OLL principal and 7th and 8th grade teachers, must have worked to the best of their ability and displayed good behavior while a student at OLL.
- Recipients must display a sincere desire to attend Scecina Memorial High School.
- Recipients must demonstrate the economic need for tuition assistance as determined through the Scecina Memorial High School financial assistance procedures.

The families of applicants must submit a Financial Aid Application to the Business Office of Scecina Memorial High School. The applicant's family or guardian must also register and pay the registration fee on or before the normal deadline established for the student to be eligible.

The incoming freshman scholarship will be presented at the appropriate awards ceremony held in May or June each year at OLL. The scholarship founders or their designated representative shall present this scholarship at the OLL event with the approval of OLL.

In February of each year, there will be a review process for all Scecina students who are currently receiving the scholarship to determine their eligibility for renewed funding. Should for any reason a previous recipient not meet these requirements, or if that student leaves Scecina, another student who previously qualified for, and/or is currently eligible for, the scholarship may receive the available scholarship upon approval by the Scecina Memorial High School administration and by the founders of the scholarship.