



Merit Scholarship Information Packet

Thank you for your interest in participating in our Merit Scholarship Competition! We are pleased to offer this opportunity to recognize students who demonstrate academic aptitude, character, and achievement. The Middle School Merit Scholarship is available to rising sixth graders. Students who are applying to our school or fifth graders who are already enrolled at St. Francis are eligible to participate. The High School Merit Scholarship is available to rising ninth graders. Students who are applying to our school or eighth graders who are already enrolled at St. Francis are eligible to participate.

What should I expect?

The competition day will consist of short verbal and math standardized tests, a hands-on science problem solving challenge, and a creative writing activity. Students will handwrite their responses.* The competition will be on Sunday, January 21 and will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Downtown Campus. The competition will last until approximately 4:00 p.m. We will announce the winners on or before February 15.

*Students who currently utilize a laptop as part of a classroom accommodation plan may use his/her own laptop.

How do you determine the winner?

Finalists will be determined based on the results of the competition day, as well as the required items listed below. Finalists will be selected by a committee of faculty/staff members, and will be judged anonymously. At the Middle School, one overall winner, our St. Francis Middle School Scholar, will receive a 50% Scholarship. Subject winners in Math/Science and the Humanities will receive 25% scholarships. All awards will be renewable for each year in Middle School, provided the student makes successful progress in our program. At the High School, one overall winner, our St. Francis High School Scholar, will receive a 50% Scholarship. Subject winners in Math/Science and the Humanities will receive 25% scholarships. All awards will be renewable for each year in High School, provided the student makes successful progress in our program. The Scholarship Committee may elect to offer additional High School and Middle School scholarships for achievement in specific subjects.

How do I apply?

Middle School Competition:

Applicants to the Sixth Grade (Students not currently enrolled at St. Francis)

- Register for the competition by emailing MeritScholarships@StFrancisSchool.org
- Submit the normal items required for the Admissions Application (stfrancissschool.org/admissions) prior to the competition
- Complete and bring the attached Scholarship Questionnaire with you to the competition

Current St. Francis School Fifth Graders

- Register for the Competition day by emailing MeritScholarships@StFrancisSchool.org
- Complete and bring the attached Scholarship Questionnaire with you to the competition
- Have ONE current or previous year teacher submit the Teacher Recommendation form in this packet

High School Competition:

Applicants to the Ninth Grade (Students not currently enrolled at St. Francis)

- Register for the competition day by emailing MeritScholarships@StFrancisSchool.org
- Submit the normal items required for the Admissions Application (stfrancissschool.org/admissions) prior to the competition day
- Complete and bring the attached Scholarship Questionnaire with you on competition day

Current St. Francis School Eighth Graders

- Register for the Competition Day by emailing MeritScholarships@StFrancisSchool.org
- Complete and bring the attached Scholarship Questionnaire with you to the competition
- Have TWO current or previous year teachers submit the Teacher Recommendation form in this packet



Merit Scholarship Questionnaire

Full Name: _____

Current school: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please answer the following questions in your own handwriting and bring this questionnaire with you to the competition. You may use another sheet of paper, if necessary.

Please describe any extracurricular activities, special interests, sports, or other hobbies in which you currently participate and plan to continue for the next few years. If there is something you would like to do at St. Francis that you haven't tried before, please list that too.

Describe, in a few paragraphs, why you think you would be a good choice for a Merit Scholarship. Please continue responses on another sheet of paper, if necessary.



Teacher Recommendation Form

The student identified below has applied for admission to St. Francis School. Please complete this form and write a summary appraisal of the candidate. This recommendation will not be part of the student's permanent file and will only be reviewed by members of the St. Francis School Admissions Committee.

Name:

Grade:

Teacher Name:

Title/Subject:

School Name:

Teacher Email:

Teacher Phone:

How long have you known the student?

In what capacity?

What do you consider to be the student's chief strength(s)?

What do you consider to be the student's chief limitation(s)?

Please provide your recommendation on this form or on attached pages. In your recommendation, consider such categories as academic ability and achievement, maturity, independence, character, leadership, enthusiasm, work ethic, extracurricular involvement, and motivation.

To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been subject to any disciplinary action in any school setting? If so, what was the disciplinary action and the circumstances surrounding this action? Please include any school suspensions as well as expulsions:

Teacher Signature:

Date:

Submit Teacher Recommendation form directly to:

Downtown Campus (9-12)
Admissions Office
233 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202
KWatts@StFrancisSchool.Org
Office: 502-736-1007
Fax: 502-736-1049

Goshen Campus (PS-8)
Admissions Office
11000 U.S. Hwy 42, Goshen, KY 40026
KCarter@StFrancisSchool.Org
Office: 502-795-3464
Fax: 502-736-1049

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