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Application forms for STO Funds and St. James School Scholarships are available on the parish website and at the end of this newsletter.

ST. JAMES PARISH

March 2019

Dear St. James School Families,

The 2019-20 St. James School Scholarship Application and the STO Application are now available. Every family is invited and encouraged to complete these scholarship applications.

St. James School Scholarships are considered for all applicants that express a need. Financial need is not the only factor considered. Family size, active parish membership, personal circumstances, and volunteerism are all a part of the confidential application process. We are interested in knowing what motivates you to choose St. James School for your child.

School scholarship awards can reach as high as \$1000.00 per student. Last year, we were successful in providing financial support for EVERY family that completed an application. If your children are enjoying St. James School, then our goal is to find a financial arrangement that works for you. Applications are due May 15, 2019.

STO Applications (School Tuition Organization of Southeast Iowa) are due no later than April 15, 2019. This application requires that you include a copy of your 2018 Federal Tax Return. Qualifying individuals are K-12 students who live in an Iowa household and whose income falls into the guidelines outlined at www.stoseiowa.org. Based on eligibility, your family may receive an award that covers a majority of your tuition bill. Please consider applying for an STO scholarship, the awards can be amazing!!

St. James School is eligible to receive over \$60,000.00 in STO funds in 2019-20 for qualifying families!!!

Please don't let financial concerns stop you from choosing St. James School for your children. If you are committed to having your student attend St. James School, then we are committed to finding a way to make that happen. Questions? My contact information is below and be assured, all communication is confidential.

Sincerely,

STO Applications DUE:

APRIL 15TH

Mary Sue Marek
Business Manager
St. James Parish
602 W 2nd St
Washington, IA 52353
mmarek@stjameswashington.org

St. James School Scholarship Applications DUE:

MAY 15TH

Mark Your Calendars

March 12

Conferences 4-8 p.m.

March 13

12:55 Dismissal
Professional Development

March 15

8:25 a.m. Mass
Jewell/Kennedy Family

March 16-24

NO SCHOOL---Spring Break

March 25

Preschool Connections 6-8 p.m.

March 27

School Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

March 28

Kindergarten Round-Up 1-3 p.m.

March 29

8:25 a.m. Mass
Mrs. Kling's Family

April 3rd

End of 3rd Quarter

April 4th

Beginning of 4th Quarter

"No winter lasts forever.

No spring skips its turn."

---Hal Borland



THANKS...

to all of our families who participated in the fun of this year's *FAMILY NIGHT!*

- ✓ 99 meals served
- ✓ 52 students attended
- ✓ 53 parents &/or siblings attended
- ✓ 18 SJS Staff Members led sessions or helped
- ✓ 7 friends of St. James School helped or attended

THANKS...

to all staff and "friends" for their involvements and to Mrs. Clarahan for her organization of the event!



Father Bernie makes play dough with Manny Raymundo & his mom at Family Night.



Filling up before the fun begins!!!

2019-2020 Financial Aid Application

1 Application Instructions

- You must include copies of pages 1 and 2 of your 2018 federal income tax return (Form 1040) with this application. If you were not required to file a tax return for 2018, you must sign the nonfiler affidavit in Section B and submit all Forms W-2 or 1099 received by members of your household.
- Submit this application directly to your school's business or financial aid office by April 15, 2019. Only applications received by that date will be considered for funding by the STO of Southeast Iowa. Late applications will be processed only for purposes of determining your qualification for other financial aid.
- Your financial need is determined by reference to your household's size and income. The term "household" refers to all individuals who live in the same dwelling place, regardless of age, legal relationship, or dependency status. Your household may include different people than those in your family.

2 Household Members

- Starting with yourself, list the name and birth date of every person who lived in your home on December 31, 2018.
- Include everyone who lived with you, regardless of relationship, even children in college and those not in school.
- For each student (including those in college), enter their 2019-2020 school name and grade level.

Full Name (First/Middle/Last)	Relationship to Applicant	Birth Date	For Students Only		For Office Use	
			School Name	Grade	Tuition	Award
	Applicant					

3 Household Address

- Enter the complete street address of your primary place of residence (your home) as of December 31, 2018.
- Include your apartment number, unit number, or lot number if applicable.
- Do not enter a post office box or the address of any property other than your primary residence.

Street	City	State	Zip Code

4 Contact Information

- Your contact information is needed to help us resolve any errors or omissions on this application.
- Provide all phone numbers (including area code) at which you may be reached for additional information.
- Provide your primary email address. In the event we can't reach you by phone, we will send you an email.

Work Phone	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address

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5 Unreported Income

- Report below any income that your household received in 2018 and which is not included on a tax return.
- All household income, whether taxable or nontaxable and regardless of source, must be disclosed.
- Enter monthly or yearly amounts, whichever you prefer. If none, enter a zero; do not leave an item blank.

Type of Income	Monthly	Yearly	Type of Income	Monthly	Yearly
Child Support Received for All Children	\$	\$	Supplemental Security Income (SSI, SSD)	\$	\$
Housing Assistance (HUD, Section 8)	\$	\$	Veterans Benefits and Combat Pay	\$	\$
Public Assistance (Food Stamps, Welfare)	\$	\$	Workers Comp and Disability Benefits	\$	\$
Social Security Benefits of Dependents	\$	\$	All Other Unreported Household Income	\$	\$

6 Affordable Tuition

- Enter the total amount of tuition that your household can afford to pay.
- This should be the total amount you can pay for all students in grades K-12.
- Enter a monthly or yearly amount, whichever you prefer. Do not leave blank.

Monthly	Yearly
\$	\$

7 Additional Information

- Use this section to explain any unusual circumstances that may affect your household's financial situation.
- You may also use this section to explain or expand upon any entries made elsewhere on this application.
- This information will not be used for STO purposes; your school may use it in considering other financial aid.

Additional Information

8 Nonfiler Affidavit

- Skip this section if anyone in your household was required to file a federal income tax return for 2018.
- If no one in your household was required to file a tax return for 2018, you must sign the following affidavit.
- If you sign below, you must include all Forms W-2 and 1099 received by members of your household.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, no member of my household earned enough taxable income to be required to file a federal individual income tax return for the year 2018.

Applicant Signature	Date
X	

9 Applicant Certification

- All applicants must sign this section.
- Before signing, verify that all sections of this application have been completed in accordance with the instructions.
- Verify that all members of your household have been listed and that all income received has been disclosed.

I hereby certify that: (a) this application is true, correct, and complete; (b) I have submitted true copies of all tax returns filed by members of my household; and (c) I have disclosed all household income received.

Applicant Signature	Date
X	



Confidential
St. James School Scholarship
Application



APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR RETURNING STUDENTS IS: MAY 15, 2019

Date of Application _____

Name of Student _____ Grade _____ Age _____

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Has student made First Holy Communion? No Yes, when _____

What is your estimated school tuition owed for all students at St. James \$ _____

Scholarship amount needed **per student** (be specific) \$ _____ (School & STO Awards)

What is total gross annual household income? \$ _____ Household size? _____

Why are you motivated to keep your child in Catholic school?

Why does student need this scholarship? (Use separate sheet if more space is needed)

What other scholarships, STO grants, JWV tuition credits or staff discounts are you planning to receive and the amount?

To what parish/church does the family belong? Name _____

Do you attend Mass/Services where you belong on a regular basis? Yes No

Parent Information:

Mother's Name _____
Mother's Faith _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Job Title _____
Employer _____
Email _____

Father's Name _____
Father's Faith _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Job Title _____
Employer _____
Email _____

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES: Check all that apply and explain below or on separate sheet:

- Loss of job
- Recent Separation/Divorce
- Change in family living status
- Change in work status
- College expenses
- Illness or injury
- Death in the family
- Bankruptcy
- Income reduction
- Shared custody
 - Medical/Dental expenses
- High debt
- Child support expenses
- Other

Explanation: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Would you/your child be willing to provide service to St. James Parish (School/Church) in exchange for financial assistance? ___ Yes ___ No

If not, why not? _____

Areas in which you have provided service: _____

Would you be willing to be the chairperson or committee head for a St. James event in exchange for financial assistance? ___ Yes ___ No

If not, why not? _____

Recent events where you have acted as chairperson/or provided support:

Parent Signature

Date

Your application is confidential and information is not shared with any party outside the St. James Scholarship Committee.

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

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Kindly Complete and Return to:	St. James School 602 W. 2 nd Street Washington, IA 52353 319-653-4504 mmarek@stjameswashington.org
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For Office Use Only

Application Received on _____

Scholarship Requested \$_____ **Amount Awarded \$**_____

Declined /Reason _____

Scholarship Applied to Tuition Account on: _____

Letter Sent to Parent/Guardian on: _____

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IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3

1. **BUY GIFT CARDS** - Purchase gift cards from our Home & School Organization from over 750 brands! Including many of the local places you shop on a regular basis...Hy Vee, Fareway, Walmart, Caseys!
2. **EARN FUNDS** - The rebate on the gift card goes to funding our initiatives here at St. James! Family accounts, general scholarship fund, lunch program.
3. **SPEND GIFT CARDS** - Use the gift cards on your everyday shopping!

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