

**SUMMARY SHEET
2017-2018**

DESCRIPTION: The *Neumann Scholars Program*, honoring the founder of our parochial schools, St. John Neumann, the fourth bishop of Philadelphia (1852-1860), is an initiative sponsored by the Connelly Foundation. Developed in 1994 to promote and reward academic excellence among students in parish/regional schools, the program provides scholarships in each district of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to those who excel in an independently administered test. Students designated as *Neumann Scholars* are offered four year scholarships to any of the seventeen Archdiocesan high schools. For each of the four years in high school, the annual amount of the Neumann Scholarship will be equal to the standard parental tuition* announced in January of each year by the Office of Catholic Education. Any fees will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA: Letters of invitation to sit for the *Neumann Scholarship Test* are sent by elementary school principals to **eligible** students who meet the following **criteria**:

- Attended a parish/regional elementary school for the entire 7th grade academic year
- Currently attend a parish/regional school located in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Achieved a National Percentile (NP) Total Score of 90 **OR** a Cognitive Skills Index (CSI) of 120 in the 7th grade *Terra Nova Test*
- Achieved a final general average of 92.0 in 7th grade
- Have a strong desire to attend an Archdiocesan high school
- Received an invitation to take the *Neumann Scholarship Test*
- Complete the application process by the stated deadline
- Submit an essay to the elementary principal **on or before June 22, 2017**

The *Neumann Scholarship Test* is a 2½ hour standardized scholarship test. It will be produced and scored by an approved independent testing agency. There is **no fee** to register for the *Neumann Scholarship Test*.

AWARDS: *Neumann Scholars* will be determined by the numerical ranking of *Neumann Scholarship Test* results in each Archdiocesan elementary school by county. The scholarship announcement is scheduled for early December.

Approximately 35 scholarships will be awarded each year. The distribution of the scholarships will be determined by the number of students who sit for the *Neumann Scholarship Test* exam in each county.

SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE: Scholarship recipients will be required to sign a *Letter of Intent* indicating acceptance of the scholarship and intent to attend a specified Archdiocesan high school in September 2018. Scholarship recipients must pay any and all required fees in full on or before the date to be determined to their selected high school.

SCHOLAR REVIEW: At the conclusion of each academic year, each scholarship recipient's performance will be reviewed. To retain the *Neumann Program Scholarship*, each recipient must maintain:

General Average of 92.0 or above
Current or Cumulative Rank within the top 15.0% of class
Final Conduct Average of 85.0 or above with minimal absences and lateness

The Office of Catholic Education will personally notify students regarding their annual scholarship renewal. The Connelly Foundation will personally notify students of their decision regarding scholarship probation or withdrawal.

(*Parental tuition at Bishop Shanahan High School, Archbishop Carroll High School, Pope John Paul II High School and John W. Hallahan High School differs from the standard tuition announced by the Office of Catholic Education).