

**Catholic Elementary Scholarship Program**

Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy recognize the fact that tuition is the number one obstacle when it comes time to transition from a Catholic elementary school to Prep/Villa. As such, we are pleased to announce the creation of the **Catholic Elementary Scholarship Program.** Beginning with the class of 2019, any graduate of a Catholic elementary school in the Diocese of Erie will receive a $3,000 scholarship per year renewable for four years to attend Prep or Villa. The following is the qualification criteria for **CESP:**

* **A student must be enrolled in a Catholic elementary school prior to the start of their 8th grade year.**
* **A student must graduate in good standing from a Catholic elementary school.**
* **A student must be accepted to Cathedral Prep or Villa Maria Academy.**
* **A qualifying family must apply for tuition assistance from Prep/Villa to receive the scholarship.**

It’s that simple. Attend one of our Catholic elementary schools and save **$12,000** **or more** on a Prep/Villa education!

**Question**: **Is there still a possibility of additional tuition assistance above and beyond CESP if there is a demonstrated need?**

**Answer**: **Yes! Additional tuition assistance is available if needed through our traditional sources such as Endowment, Tax Credit Program, and Adopt-A-Student.**

**Question**: **The CESP scholarship is renewable for all four years?**

**Answer**: **Yes! So long as the student remains in good academic and behavioral standing.**

**Question**: **If a student doesn’t begin their schooling at a Catholic elementary school can they still qualify?**

**Answer:** **Yes! Although we would prefer a child enrolls at one of our Catholic elementary schools in Kindergarten, any student accepted at a Catholic elementary school prior to the start of their 8th grade year qualifies for CESP.**

**Question:** **Does my child still qualify if he/she is not Catholic but attends a Catholic elementary school?**

**Answer**: **Yes!**

**Question**: **Do all families qualify for CESP regardless of their income?**

**Answer**: **Yes! We do require that all families who wish to pursue CESP submit the required documents for tuition assistance.**

**Question:** **If a student transfers into Prep or Villa and demonstrates need will they qualify for tuition assistance?**

**Answer**: **Yes! However, they will not qualify for CESP.**

**Question**: **Is tuition assistance still available for students who attend public middle schools and wish to attend Prep/Villa?**

**Answer**: **Yes! So long as there is demonstrated need.**

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