

Merit Scholarship Application for Incoming High School Students

Our Mission

Our Lady of the Elms, a private Catholic school rooted in the Dominican tradition, educates girls and young women to live their lives boldly with purpose, confidence, kindness, resilience, justice and faith.

By the very nature of our mission, the Elms is an individualized educational experience. Because we endeavor to inspire each girl to reach her full potential, there are as many different versions of that as there are girls in the school. That said, girls who are curious, open-minded and hard-working will thrive at the Elms and in our community.

Dominican Pillars

Woven into the experience of every Elms girl is Veritas, the pursuit of truth and justice. Boldly forming the base for our work are the four pillars of the Dominican Charism:

Study Preaching Community Prayer

Scholarship Requirements

- Student must be in good academic standing at current school. Please submit a copy of your 1st quarter grades with this application and a list of your current activities (clubs, sports, dance, volunteerism, etc.)
- Parents must complete our FACTS financial aid application available at www.theelms.org/FACTS.
 Financial need is considered but it is only one factor.
- Student must take the HSPT and shadow at the Elms.
- Letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or family friend will be accepted but not required.
- Student must actively participate in at least one extracurricular activity by sophomore year.
- Student must participate in donor gratitude events.

Merit Scholarships

Our Lady of the Elms scholarships are made possible through the generous support of alumni and friends.

Scholarship & FACTS Application Deadline:

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Applications may be submitted the following ways:

- via email to cconley@theelms.org
- via USPS must be postmarked by Dec. 1
- dropped off to Admissions Office



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Student Information
Name:
Address:
Current School:
Parent Phone:
Parent Email:
Place of worship:
Answers must be written by student. You may also answer on a separate piece of paper.
Describe a setback or challenge you faced. How did you overcome this and what did you learn?
What extracurricular activities, clubs, and/or sports do you plan to pursue at Our Lady of the Elms?



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St. Catherine of Siena, a Dominican, tells us, "Do not be satisfied with the little things, because God wants great things." What great things do you see happening in your future, and how do you think the Elms will help you in your journey?
Are there any special circumstances or hardships that could stand in the way of your family being able to afford a Catholic Education? Please explain below if you would like this information to be considered by the scholarship committee.



High School Admissions Timeline

October - December 2022: Shadow Visits

October - December 2022: HSPT (High School Placement Test)

December 1, 2022: Deadline to apply for merit scholarships and financial aid

December 1, 2022: Deadline to apply for first round admission (public,

private, and non-Diocesan Catholic school students)

December 20, 2022: Notification of scholarship and financial aid awards **January 13, 2023:** Deadline to apply for first round admission (Diocesan Catholic school students) *Applications and records are sent to first choice school only*

February 9, 2023: Official notification of admissions decisions for first round applicants. Accepted students will receive an enrollment contract at this time. **February 24, 2023:** Deadline to return enrollment contract and registration fee

March 2023: Families will be contacted to make an appointment with our Registrar for class scheduling.

March 15, 2023: Deadline to apply for Diocesan Tuition Assistance (must be indicated in FACTS application)

June 2023: Summer PE (dates TBD) and Fall Sports registration August 2023: New Family Cook-out, Supply drop off, Uniform Swap, and HS orientation