

INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

On behalf of _____
School

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

This is to certify that:

1. As the headmaster/principal of the above named school, and its chief executive officer, I have, or my designated representative has, carefully reviewed the rules and regulations of the OSSAA as they apply to the administration and conduct of interschool athletics at this school, in particular the amateur and awards which provides that students may not receive awards in the form of high school scholarships or concessions on tuition or other valuable considerations because of athletic ability.

Awards in the form of high school scholarships or concessions on tuition because of athletic ability shall cause the student to become ineligible for future competition in all interscholastic sports.

A certificate of compliance with this provision along with a report of the system(s) of financial assistance available to students in each school shall be filed with the OSSAA Office by all schools with students receiving scholarships or tuition concessions and approved by the Board of Directors annually.

A violation of this standard shall result in the student becoming ineligible in the sport concerned.

2. The staff of this school is familiar with the regulations of the OSSAA as they apply to the administration and conduct of interschool athletics.
3. The policies, procedures and practices of this school, its staff members and representatives of athletic interests are in compliance at the present time with the Constitution and By-Laws of the OSSAA in so far as I can determine; and
4. It is the intention of this school to maintain such compliance.
5. In accord with provisions of OSSAA Rules, I have enclosed herewith a summary of the policies and procedures for making financial assistance available to students at this school. I have also enclosed the written criteria from each organization that has awarded scholarship money.
6. As appropriate for the public school, I have enclosed a copy of our written board of Education Policy for all nonresident students and tuition.
7. Our school does provide financial aid ____ Yes ____ No
8. Our school does have students receiving financial assistance other than directly from the school (i.o, a foundation, parish). ____ Yes ____ No If yes, please list the following information.
 - a. Total number of students enrolled _____
 - b. Number of students receiving aid _____
 - c. Number of students participating in athletics _____
 - d. Number of students participating in athletics who receive aid _____
9. Our local board of Education has approved tuition reduction and written criteria are included? ____ Yes ____ No

Date _____ Signed: _____
Principal/Headmaster e-mail

THIS FORM AND THE SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AID POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MUST BE FILED BEFORE YOUR SCHOOL'S FIRST INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTEST OF THE YEAR

SAMPLE FINANCIAL AID DESCRIPTION LETTER

The "A" High School has a program of financial assistance, as do most private schools at all levels of education--primary, secondary, and college. Attached are a statement of financial policies and a list of scholarships as it appears in our Student Handbook and Calendar.

The scholarships the school has use of come from two main sources; a) those that the school has direct control over, and b) those that are controlled by groups or agencies outside the school's direct control. Scholarships that are in group B are decided for the most part by the outside group. I have listed these outside agencies with a brief description of the scholarships they control.

Central City School Fund - established several years ago for the purpose of helping students from the central core of the city to go to Catholic elementary and a Catholic high school, it is now structured to allow those students who come from Catholic elementary schools to continue at one of the Catholic high schools in the city.

The Central Park Foundation - established about four years ago to commemorate the memory of one of the schools alum. It is a fund that is largely given to students of Italian heritage.

The Knights of Columbus Scholarships - both the Fr. O'Riley council and the Tri-County Council 2128 give scholarships to students in financial need as well as to sons and daughters of members of the Knights.

The Bob and Mary Smith Leadership Scholarship was established by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith years ago. The scholarship is given to students who apply as 8th graders in St. Andrews School (one of our feeder schools).

The Alice McKenna Scholarship - will be given to a student who has need and who is active and leader in school activities. The recipient will be selected by the principal and Alice's family.

Parish Tithing/Stewardship Assistance - Several of the Catholic parishes in the northern part of the city and beyond have programs whereby they support Catholic education Pre-K through 12th grade to some degree or other. The parishes have determined that Catholic education is part of the mission of the parish and would get full or partial support if the families are active parishioners and are tithing members of the parish.

Scholarships controlled by the school are awarded on the basis of need for the most part. Applicants have to submit a formal, standard application as well as a tax report for the most recent tax year. There are several scholarships given each year to incoming freshmen that are renewable for three years; these scholarships are based on academics, and to be maintained the student must keep a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

The "A" High School also grants almost full scholarships to the children of teachers and staff members at the high school; people working at the elementary Catholic schools receive a small amount of financial aid also.

One other form of aid that I give happens in the event of the death of the major wage earner in a family. For instance, we just had a parent (father) die; I have told the mother that if she needs assistance with her son's education costs, the school will help. I have done that at other times also.

None of the scholarships above or financial aid was participation in or performance in athletics for criteria or consideration.