



National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.
SEELOS EDUCATIONAL FUND

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RE: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Scholarship

1 MARCH 2010

Dear School Principal in the Archdiocese of New Orleans,

*PLEASE POST &/OR
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THE FOLLOWING
4-PAGE APPLICATION
FORM*

The National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos is again happy to announce the **Seelos 8th Grade Scholarship Fund** in support of eighth-grade graduates from the Archdiocese of New Orleans applying to any Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. It is hoped that in future years the increased generosity of benefactors to the Seelos Center for this specific purpose will continue to enable the fund to provide worthwhile scholarships.

Benefactors were as vital to fostering the reign of God in Francis Seelos' day as they are now. When the Seelos family did not have the financial wherewithal for the priestly education of their son, the local pastor enlisted special benefactors who supported Francis through his many years of schooling. Francis was also the recipient of a scholarship to the university based on his excellent academic merit and moral conduct. He needed help to pay for his board, but a kind friend came to his aid, believed to be a former resident of his hometown of Fussen, Germany. Besides this, Francis helped to earn his own way through the university by tutoring others.

The amount for the **2010 Seelos 8th Grade Scholarship Fund is \$2,000**. The scholarship will constitute a gift and no repayment will be expected. In the case of applicants who are otherwise equally qualified, the award will be made to the applicant with the greater financial need (i.e., lack of recourse to government assistance, parish or organizational support, etc.). No award is paid directly to the student; the scholarship in the above amount, or in some portion thereof, goes directly to the academic institution to help defray matriculation expenses incurred by the student.

Finally, may the example of Blessed Francis Seelos, who spent nearly one-third of his priestly life educating future Redemptorists, be a source of inspiration to you in the valuable service that you offer the Church and society.

In the Redeemer,
Reverend Byron Miller, C.Ss.R.
Director, National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos

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P.S. We would be honored if you & your students made a field trip to our Seelos Shrine!

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R.
8th Grade Scholarship
for the Archdiocese of New Orleans

BLESSED FRANCIS X. SEELOS, C.Ss.R. was declared Blessed by Pope John Paul II on April 9, 2000. Father Seelos arrived in the United States in 1843. Having studied for the priesthood in Germany, he asked to be admitted to the Redemptorists with a view to future work in America. He was ordained in 1844. Three years after ordination he was appointed Master of Novices. He spent one-third of his priestly life ministering to seminarians. He was the prefect of students and he also taught them dogmatic theology and Sacred Scripture. On his part, Father Seelos thought highly of the young men entrusted to his care, but it was the affection of the students for their prefect that was even more apparent. In 1859, the house chronicler wrote: "The reappointment of Reverend F. Seelos as prefect of the students caused universal joy, and the students let their much cherished Father know how much they loved him."

A scholarship in the name of the much-cherished Father Seelos was established at his national shrine. It is the intention of this scholarship to specifically support students who intend to continue their education in a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and offer them the same inspiration from Father Seelos that the students in his day received.

Scholarships Available

The National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos offers scholarships each year to students with the intent to enroll in a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. At its discretion, the Scholarship Award Committee need not award all scholarship monies each year if it judges that there is an insufficient number of qualified applicants. The scholarship will constitute a gift to the appropriate academic institution in the name of the recipient and no repayment will be expected.

Qualifications Needed

To apply for a scholarship, an 8th grade student in good standing with his/her school must have maintained a B average (3.00 on a four point system) up through the last issuance of grades, or rank in the top third of his/her graduating class.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients

Scholarships are awarded in consideration of both financial need & academic achievement. Qualities also considered in the awarding of scholarships are: Christian leadership, social and religious concern for others, and involvement in school activities. In the case of applicants who are otherwise equally qualified, the award will be made to the applicant with the greater financial need. The awarding of scholarships will be determined by the National Shrine of Blessed Francis X. Seelos in consultation with the school principal.

Application Procedures

To make proper scholarship application the following steps must be completed:

1. Begin or complete the admission process to the New Orleans Archdiocesan high school of your choice.
2. Submit this scholarship application form.

3. Submit copies of appropriate transcripts.
4. Applicant must demonstrate financial need. Applicant must provide information on any additional financial aid and frequency of payment.
5. Write a brief personal letter to the Scholarship Award Committee explaining why you need the scholarship and what qualifies you to receive it.
6. Write a brief, maximum three-page essay on the personal inspiration that you derive from the life of Blessed F.X. Seelos. Confer www.seelos.org & libraries for further reading.

Application Deadline

The completed scholarship application should be submitted no later than APRIL 16, 2010 for review by the Award Committee.

Mail Application To:

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ACTIVITIES, HOBBIES, OTHER INTERESTS:

Are you receiving or will you receive any additional funds from individuals, grants, scholarships, or any other financial source (other than primary providers)? If so, please list:

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In applying for a scholarship from the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos:

1. I have completed (or am in the process of completing) my process for admission to a Catholic High School in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
2. I have included my grades during my eighth year of studies to date. (Unofficial copies of grades/transcripts from appropriate academic institutions are sent as part of the application process).

If known, I will graduate in the top ____% of my class.
3. I have submitted a brief letter written by myself (and/or my guardian) explaining my need for the grant and my qualifications for consideration by the Scholarship Committee.
4. I have submitted a brief reflection on how one or more aspects in the life of Blessed Francis X. Seelos inspires my own life today.

Signature of Student _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____