



A GUIDE TO FINANCIAL AID

For the 2009-2010 School Year

SENDING YOUR DAUGHTER OR SON to GUERIN COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL is an INVESTMENT in her or his future.

Guerin Prep is committed to providing a quality high school education at a cost-effective price. We strive to assist our families by offering various scholarships and financial assistance throughout the students' education. The following guide lists the scholarships and other financial assistance offered by Guerin Prep, as well as provides the timeline and procedures for receiving assistance from Guerin Prep.

Timeline & Procedures

Guerin Prep High School uses an outside company, Private School Aid Service (PSAS), an outside financial aid service, to process all financial aid applications.

- 1) Unless otherwise indicated, anyone seeking a scholarship or other type of financial aid from Guerin Prep must submit a financial aid application for the 2009-2010 school year to PSAS by **Jan. 31, 2009**. [Please do not return the application to Guerin Prep High School.]
- 2) 2008 1040's and W-2's must be submitted to Private School Aid Service with the application. (Please refer to application for details.)
- 3) Families pay a \$21 processing fee to Private School Aid Service.
- 4) Families must also submit the one-page Guerin Prep Financial Aid Information Sheet to the Guerin Prep business office by **Jan. 31, 2009**.

Guerin Prep will mail announcements of financial aid awards no later than early March 2009. Any financial aid awarded after this March date will depend on the circumstances of the request and the availability of funds.

PSAS financial aid applications are given to all incoming freshmen who take the entrance exam at Guerin Prep—this year on Jan. 10, 2009. The Guerin Prep Financial Aid Information Sheet will also be distributed at this time.

The PSAS application and GP Information Sheet are available to current freshmen, sophomores and juniors starting Jan. 7, 2009 in the Guerin Prep High School business office and on the home page of our Web site: www.guerinprep.org. The PSAS application is available in English and Spanish.

For additional information, contact Mr. Kevin Miller, Director of Financial Services, 708-453-6233 ext. 4710 or kmiller@guerinprep.org.

Aid for Incoming Students

Aid from Guerin Prep

PRESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,000 scholarships are automatically awarded to the top ten scorers on the January Placement Test. These students will also be considered for the Nolan Scholars Program. The president's scholarship is renewable for the sophomore year if the student maintains a 3.6 GPA.

PRINCIPAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,500 scholarships are automatically awarded to the next 15 top scorers on the January Placement Test. These students will also be considered for the Nolan Scholar Program. The principal's scholarship is renewable for the sophomore year if the students maintains a 3.6 GPA.

NOLAN SCHOLARS

A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to those students who are accepted as Nolan Scholars. Students are invited to apply to the Nolan Scholars program once they are accepted into Guerin Prep, based on entrance test scores, academic record and recommendations. A special application must be completed and an interview may be scheduled. The scholarship is renewable for the sophomore year if the student fulfills all the responsibilities of being in the honors program, including a 3.6 GPA.

KENNING SCHOLARSHIP

This fund, established in memory of Harold and Genevieve Kenning, provides for one \$1,000 scholarship for a graduate of St. Celestine Grade School who demonstrates overall academic achievement of a B average or better; financial need may also be a factor. The student must take the entrance exam at Guerin Prep High School. At this time, the scholarship is for freshman year only. The application is available in January in the GP business office or online. PSAS application and GP Financial Information Form also must be completed.

LYONS FREBAULT AWARD

This fund has been established in honor of the Merle F. Lyons and Francis Frebault families. The fund

provides several scholarships at a minimum of \$500 each. The scholarship is available for students with a documented learning disability and financial need. At this time, the scholarship is for freshman year only. Applications are available in January in the business office or online. PSAS application and GP Financial Information Form also must be completed.

Aid from Outside Sources

DANIEL MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP

The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation encourages eighth graders to apply for four-year, private college preparatory high school scholarships. In early September applications are mailed to more than 800 public and private schools. All eighth graders interested in the scholarship should contact their principals, counselors and teachers to request an application. The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation can be reached on-line at www.dmsf.org.

HIGHSIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

HighSight awards partial four-year scholarships for students to attend private high schools. To qualify you must currently be in eighth grade and live in Chicago. HighSight also provides academic and social support to enable its students to succeed at the high school of their choice. HighSight scholars are expected to demonstrate a commitment to their education and show a motivation to succeed.

Qualifying families must exhibit financial need. The

HighSight application is available at the Guerin Prep High School business office or online at www.highsight.org.

LINK UNLIMITED SCHOLARSHIP

Link Unlimited is a not-for profit organization that provides four-year high school scholarships, mentoring and support programming to low-income Chicago area African-American eighth-grade students who possess high academic potential and strong personal character. Families must demonstrate financial need. The Link Unlimited application lists the specific requirements to qualify for this

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scholarship and is available at the Guerin Prep business office or online at www.linkunlimited.org. The Link Unlimited application must be mailed to Link Unlimited by the published due date in March of 2009.

Aid for Incoming & Current Students

HOLY CROSS ENDOWMENT

The Holy Cross High School Alumni Education Endowment Fund was created to provide financial aid to needy students who were enrolled at Holy Cross High School. It is for a similar purpose that the funds were transferred to Guerin College Preparatory High School. The fund provides financial aid awards to families of financially needy male students who are enrolled or are about to enroll and in good standing at Guerin Prep. PSAS application and GP Financial Information Form must be completed.

MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN LEGACY ENDOWMENT

The Mother Theodore Guerin Legacy Endowment Fund is named for Guerin Prep's Patron, Mother Theodore, and was established at the time of her canonization as a saint in the Catholic Church. It honors her commitment to the neediest of our current and incoming students. PSAS application and GP Financial Form must be completed.

Aid for Current Students

BETTY WALSCHEID SCHOLARSHIP

This fund, established in the name of Betty Walscheid, alumna and faculty member of Mother Theodore Guerin High School, provides for up to two renewable tuition scholarships of \$1,500 each. Application for the award is open to sophomores enrolled in Chemistry-Honors who have completed Biology in their freshman year. The award is applied

against tuition in the student's junior and senior years, provided the student meets the criteria of the award. A separate application is available online and must be completed. PSAS application and GP Financial Information Form also required. All should be submitted by Jan. 31, 2009.

SISTER GERTRUDE SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

This fund, established in the name of Sister Gertrude Smith, SP, enables Guerin Prep to offer a minimum of 20 awards of \$1,000 each to students who demonstrate the following: successful completion of one or more years of schooling at Guerin Prep with an average of 2.5 or better, active participation in extracurricular activities, evidence of good citizenship in and out of school and financial need. Online applications are available in January. PSAS application and GP Financial Information Form also must be completed by Jan. 31, 2009.

THERESE MARIE CUNY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of Therese Marie Cuny, the first drama teacher at Mother Theodore Guerin High School. Junior girls with a GPA of 2.5 are eligible to apply for one of several scholarships. These scholarships may be applied only to senior-year tuition costs at Guerin Prep. One scholarship is equal to the cost of a year's tuition. Additional financial awards are determined by the awards committee.

Applicants must submit a written application and two letters of recommendation from Guerin Prep faculty or administrators. After reviewing these applications, a committee will invite selected applicants to make an oral presentation. Recipients will be selected from those making the oral presentations. Applications will be distributed in early 2009 to current junior girls.

IRISH FELLOWSHIP EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Applicants should have at least two of their eight great-grandparents from the Republic of Ireland. Applicants, preferably freshmen or sophomores, will be chosen solely on the basis of need. PSAS

application and GP Financial Form must be completed.

ALFRED J. COULOMBE, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Alfred J. Coulombe, Jr. established a \$500 annual award for a student enrolled in French. All current freshman, sophomore and junior Guerin Prep students enrolled in the French program who have at least a B average in French are eligible to apply. An applicant must complete a special application, available through their French class, which includes writing an essay about the applicant's involvement in French activities and career goals. Scholarship awards may be applied only to tuition at Guerin.

POLISH HERITAGE & ITALIAN HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As this guide was being prepared, two additional scholarship opportunities were in the process of being developed by donors to honor their parents—one for a female student of Polish descent; the other for two students (one boy, one girl) of Italian heritage. Each of these involves a student completing a special application which includes writing an essay describing how that student's ancestry shapes his or her character.

PSAS application and GP Financial Information Form also required. All should be submitted by Jan. 31, 2009. Please consult www.guerinprep.org for details on each of these.

In order to protect students' individual eligibility, schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago support the policies of the Illinois High School Association. In doing so, Guerin Prep may not promise or offer athletic scholarships of any kind. Violations may result in loss of eligibility for the student, coach and school.

Other Types of Tuition Assistance

FACULTY/STAFF DISCOUNT

Full-time faculty/staff members of Guerin Prep are eligible for a 50 percent reduction in tuition for their own children who choose to attend the school. Part-time faculty/staff are eligible for a 25 percent discount.

GUERIN TUITION INSURANCE

The tuition obligation of a current student enrolled at Guerin Prep will be assumed by the high school at the loss by death of the designated parent(s) or the designated legal guardian(s) responsible for tuition payments. A \$50 fee is charged to cover parents or guardians. Only those parents or guardians designated as responsible for paying tuition on the registration form are eligible. The benefit takes effect on the date the next tuition payment is due for the student following the death of the parent/guardian responsible for the tuition payment.

STUDENT WORK PROGRAM

The school employs a limited number of students to assist in various capacities. Registered students may apply at the business office. A waiting list is maintained after all positions have initially been filled. Funds earned through the Student Work Program are applied to the tuition of the student.

TUITION TAX CREDIT

Families can also apply for a state income tax credit of up to \$500 per family through the filing of an annual income tax return.

LOAN ASSISTANCE

A number of banks and lending institutions are available to provide low-interest rate loans to assist those who wish to have their student attend a Catholic school. The following is a link to one such institution:

http://www.salliemae.com/get_student_loan/find_student_loan/parent_loans/private_student_loans/k12/k12.htm