



## St. Thomas University Catholic Education Continuum Full Tuition Scholarship Program

St. Thomas University is a fully accredited university offering degrees in the liberal arts, business, science, education, theology and law. Programs in nursing, accounting, psychology, biology, sports administration, organizational leadership, ministry – and dozens more – are offered in a personalized setting with small class sizes, on the University's lush, 144-acre campus. Competitive athletics, an active campus residential community and opportunities for spiritual growth provide a dynamic and enriching college experience. The St. Thomas University Catholic Education Continuum (CEC) Full Tuition Scholarship Program offers **one (1) full tuition scholarship** to a high school senior from each Catholic High School in Miami-Dade, Broward, West Palm Beach, Orlando and Jacksonville to attend STU. This scholarship covers the complete annual tuition up for up to four consecutive years of full-time study, and is renewable each year for up to four years as long as the student maintains a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 GPA or higher and full-time student status.

In order to be eligible for the CEC scholarship, as well as any other forms of financial aid, you must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Scholarships may be adjusted based on financial need determined by the results of your FAFSA. The FAFSA is available in your high school guidance office, or it may be filed online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Please be sure to list St. Thomas University, FAFSA code: 001468.

Please carefully review the Selection Criteria, Application Deadline and Required Forms for Submission to ensure a complete scholarship application package is submitted to St. Thomas University.

### **Selection Criteria:**

Students will be selected as CEC Full Tuition Scholarship finalists based on the following criteria:

- minimum cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.3 GPA
- minimum cumulative score of a 1100 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT
- applicant academic accomplishments, intellectual and creative distinctions, extracurricular activities, letters of reference, and original essays.

Applicants must complete a St. Thomas University Catholic Education Continuum Full Tuition Scholarship Program Application.

Applicants must have completed and submitted an Application for Admission to St. Thomas University *prior* to submission of a scholarship application (visit the "Admissions" tab on [www.stu.edu](http://www.stu.edu) for the Application for Admission).

Finalists may be invited for a required interview with members of the CEC Scholarship Selection Committee. Interviews will occur on or around **February 1, 2016**.

### **Application Deadline:**

The application must be typed and may be accessed at [www.stu.edu/CECScholarship](http://www.stu.edu/CECScholarship). The application, together with ALL required documentation, must be postmarked by no later than **February 1, 2016**. Please write your Name and Date of Birth on all materials submitted. Send or deliver the original and one copy of the application and all required documentation to:

**St. Thomas University  
Attn: Office of Admissions**

**Mimi Dooner Hall  
16401 N.W. 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Miami Gardens, FL 33054**

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**Required Forms for Submission:**

The following is required to be submitted as part of the St. Thomas University Catholic Education Continuum (CEC) Full Tuition Scholarship Program application:

1. Two letters of recommendation, one from a high school teacher and the other from a teacher, counselor, administrator, or person who can objectively assess your abilities and character (no family members, please). Do not submit more than two letters. Please ask your references to address the following:

- Reference's position or title
- How long and in what capacity you have known the applicant, and describe the applicant's motivation and potential for academic success. Comments should be specific.
- Describe the applicant's distinctive qualities or unique characteristics that you have personally observed that make the applicant particularly qualified to receive a Full Tuition Scholarship.

2. Essay (Typed as separate copy and attach to application; 12 font, double spaced)

- Please address in no more than 500 words the most impressionable moment in your life and why, and how this experience influenced your goals.

3. Completed CEC Scholarship Program Application form (with all required signatures)

St. Thomas will also review the following documents submitted with your Application for Admission for purposes of evaluating your Full Tuition Scholarship application:

1. Official high school transcript. The transcript must be certified by the registrar or other recognized official.
2. SAT or ACT scores. If test scores were not included with your Application for Admission, the scholarship applicant must arrange to have such results forwarded to St. Thomas University by the due date of the scholarship application.



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### **Instructions:**

- Complete the CEC Full Tuition Scholarship Application form. This is a *TWO-PAGE* form. Please make sure to sign, as applicable.
- Attach all required documentation, as listed in the "Required Forms for Submission"
- Mail or deliver to the St. Thomas University Office of Admissions by no later than **February 1, 2016**.

### **Applicant Information:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Telephone: (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Permanent Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street/Number/Apartment) (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

If not a US citizen, Alien Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date issued: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

5. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

7. Race: ☐ White non-Hispanic ☐ Black non-Hispanic ☐ Hispanic  
☐ Asian/Pacific Islander ☐ Native American ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please list any extracurricular activities that were not listed in your St. Thomas University Application for Admission: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The St. Thomas University Catholic Education Continuum Full-Tuition Scholarship application is binding and represents a serious commitment to St. Thomas University. In signing the St. Thomas University Catholic Education Continuum Full-Tuition Scholarship application/agreement, a student agrees to withdraw applications from all other schools if selected to receive the St. Thomas University Catholic Education Continuum Full-Tuition Scholarship. If you are awarded the St. Thomas University Catholic Education Continuum Full-Tuition Scholarship, you are obligated to accept St. Thomas University's offer of admission. Only students who (after consultation with the Financial Aid Office) cite financial reasons for not attending will be released from the Early Decision agreement.

*St. Thomas University admits students of any sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the university. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.*

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**Statement of Applicant:**

I wish to be considered for a St. Thomas University Catholic Education Continuum Full-tuition Scholarship. I have applied to St. Thomas University and have read and agree to all conditions stipulated for Full-Tuition Scholarship candidates. I confirm that the statements contained in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with all laws and regulations of St. Thomas University. Credentials filed in support of this applicant become the property of St. Thomas University and will not be returned to the applicant.

Student Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_