



The Jack Pratt “Believers” Scholarship

In over five decades of teaching and coaching, Coach Pratt showed hundreds of young people the power of believing. Some thought (mistakenly) that when Coach talked about being a “Believer” that he was talking about believing in him and his coaching leadership. Actually, he was trying to help each of us to believe in ourselves, to believe in something greater than ourselves (each other) and eventually to understand and believe that each of us have been created to develop our talents and gifts - to serve Him and serve each other.

Coach Pratt also believed in Catholic education as the best strategy to connect all aspects of life and develop the only life skill that really matters – that in success and triumph as well as in disappointment and tragic loss, we teach our youth to look beyond the inadequate answers of this world, and humbly look to Our Father for the grace and strength to reflect Him in our successes, and carry on with His grace and comfort in the face of bitter disappointment and loss.

As a way to perpetuate the values Coach Pratt lived by and believed in, at the time of his death, it was his wife's wish to use funds that were donated in his memory to support students who attend the Genesee County Catholic Schools through a scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded annually to one Catholic elementary student and one Powers High School student who demonstrate the value believing through their perseverance and determination.



The Jack Pratt 'Believers' Scholarship Requirements

Eligibility/Requirements

- Displays leadership and courage overcoming challenges in life (injury, family situations, peers).
- Demonstrates the qualities of kindness, compassion and a strong work ethic when participating in school and community activities. This may include choir, band, theatre, sports, and church and community activities.
- A letter of recommendation from a Principal, Teacher, Priest/Pastor, Scout, or Community Leader (please allow the person writing the letter 2 weeks to complete their recommendation - see application procedure).
- Recipient has met all past financial obligations to their respective Catholic School and is in good standing with no student or athletic probation.
- Recipient must write a thank you note to the Mrs. Pratt that will be forwarded to her through the Advancement Office within 30 days of receipt of award.

The Award

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award of \$1000 for the academic school year at Powers Catholic High School.

The award is to be used during the traditional academic year (fall through spring) for tuition. The award is paid by reducing the total amount of tuition by the award at receipt of the scholarship. If the student withdraws from the Catholic School enrolled in, the scholarship amount will be forfeited. Payment will be made from the Jack Pratt Memorial fund directly to the Catholic School they are enrolled in. This scholarship is a one-time only award and will not be renewed for subsequent years.

Application Procedure

Students must send a completed application, letters of recommendation and their transcript to the following address: Brenda Goyette at the Powers Catholic High School, Advancement Office c/o The Jack Pratt Scholarship Committee at 1505 W. Court Street, Flint, MI 48503.

The application submission must include at least one letter of recommendation from a Principal, Pastor, Teacher, Scout leader, Coach, or other Community Leader.

Selection of Recipients

Selection of the scholarship recipient is based upon academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school, parish and community activities, statement of goals and aspirations, family circumstances, and the appraisal by a teacher, counselor, principal, priest, scout leader, or other community leader.

Scholarship recipients are decided solely by the Jack Pratt Scholarship Committee at Powers Catholic High School. All applicants agree to accept the decision of the Jack Pratt Scholarship Committee as final. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

Selection(s) will be made without regard to race or gender.

Obligation of Recipients

Except as previously outlined, no obligations are to be imposed upon the student(s) as a scholarship recipient. Students are to notify the Jack Pratt Scholarship Committee of any changes in address, school enrollment or other relevant information.

A note will be written by the recipient to Mrs. Pratt to thank her for the scholarship. This note will be sent to the scholarship committee and forwarded to Mrs. Pratt personally.



Received _____
Application Reviewed _____

Jack Pratt 'Believer' Scholarship Application

Date Submitted: _____ School Year Applying For: _____

Cumulative G.P.A. _____

Students Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, MI Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M ___ F ___

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Extracurricular activities: Please complete the attached document.

Application Essay: Explain how participating in extracurricular activities has helped you develop as a citizen of our greater community. In particular, how has it helped you to believe in something greater than yourself? Do you have a particular experience that you could share where "believing" helped you achieve something, or helped you through an experience and helped you maintain character, integrity or a sense of humor? Can you share an experience where it may have helped you demonstrate character, integrity or your sense of humor?

Please attach essay to your application materials- DO NOT STAPLE – utilize paperclips.

____ PCHS Administration Verifies that Student is in good standing with no current student or athletic probation.

Signature of Powers Catholic High School Administrator

Date



Powers Catholic High School

Jack Pratt 'Believers' Scholarship Application (page 2)

Applicant Name:

Please list below your participation in extra curricular activities while at your Catholic School. (You may attach on a separate sheet if space required:

Date From/To (Last 2 years)	Extracurricular Activities	Organization

Please list your Christian Service:

Date From/To (Last 2 years)	Christian Service	Organization

Please list your Awards and Honors:

Date From/To (Last 2 years)	Awards and Honors	Organization

Application deadline: April 15th of current school year

