



Powers Catholic High School 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 wives 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.

JACK PRATT “BELIEVERS” SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Financial Need

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.

Recipient has met all financial obligations to their respective Catholic Elementary or Powers Catholic High School.

JACK PRATT “BELIEVERS” SCHOLARSHIP 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 Catholic school enrollment, the scholarship amount will be forfeited. Payment will be made from the Jack Pratt Memorial fund directly to the Catholic School. This scholarship is a one-time only award and will not be renewed for subsequent years.

JACK PRATT “BELIEVERS” SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are asked to submit the following documents for eligibility:

1. A completed Student Data Sheet
2. One letter of recommendation from a principal, pastor, teacher, scout leader, coach or other community leader. The letter of recommendation should confirm the student and family’s service to the respective parish, school or community. Students should allow at least two weeks for the letter of recommendation.
3. Completed essay explaining 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 do not staple application materials.

Completed applications should be sent to the following address by May 1st:

**Powers Catholic High School
Advancement Office
c/o Jack Pratt “Believers” Scholarship
1505 W. Court St.
Flint, MI 48503**

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 contained in the letter of recommendation.

Scholarship recipients are made solely by the Jack Pratt “Believers” scholarship committee at Powers Catholic High School. All applicants agree to accept the decision of Powers Catholic High School 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 thank you letter to Mrs. Pratt is requested within two weeks of your notification as the recipient.