



Powers Catholic High School

Sonya Carson Scholarship

Established by the Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd.

This scholarship was established in 2014 by the Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd. in recognition of Sonya Carson.

Sonya is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was one of 24 children. She was married at age 13 and moved to Detroit, only to discover that her husband had another family. This resulted in a divorce after she had two young sons. She worked two and sometimes three jobs at a time because she did not want to be on welfare.

Sonya dedicated her life to giving her sons an opportunity to success in life. Because they were not good students, she required that they watch no more than two or three television programs a week. Sonya expected them to read books from the public library and submit written book reports to her. They didn't know that she could not read. Both of her sons went on to become very successful. Her oldest son, Curtis, is a senior engineer with Honeywell, and her young son, Benjamin, is Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins medical institutions in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1989, he was named one of 89 Living Legends on the occasion of the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress.

Once her sons were in college, Sonya taught herself to read, earned her GED, went on to college, and in 1994 received an honorary doctorate degree from Spalding University in Kentucky. Therefore, she is now Dr. Carson as well. Sonya is very active in interior design and furniture remodeling and also enjoys gardening. She travels frequently and enjoys her five grandchildren. Thanks to Sonya's influence, all of her grandchildren are in college or graduate school at prestigious institutions across the county.

Sonya Carson Scholarship Award Criteria

1. Financial need or applicant is one of more than one student attending Powers Catholic from the same family
2. Applicants may be of Catholic or non-Catholic Faith
3. The student has demonstrated high levels of integrity, and honest while participating in extracurricular activities.
4. The applicant must submit an essay - Explain what stands out to you the most about Sonya Carson and why is it important for you to attend Powers Catholic High School.

This scholarship was established in October, 2014 by The Rachor Family Foundation.



The Sonya Carson Scholarship Award

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide \$1,000 for tuition assistance to a student attending Powers Catholic High School who meets the criteria set forth by the Powers Catholic High School Administration.

THE AWARD

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award of \$1,000 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 Powers Catholic High School, the scholarship amount is to be pro-rated over 12 months and the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students must send a) completed application, b) one letter of recommendation (see next paragraph), c) a completed essay found in criteria.

The application submission letter of recommendation may come from a Principal, Pastor, Teacher, Scout, Coach, or other Community Leader and should confirm the student and family's service to the respective Parish or School, or community.

Selection of Recipients

Selection of the scholarship recipient is based upon need, demonstrated 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 selection 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 Powers Catholic Selection Committee of any changes in address, school enrollment or other relevant information.

A thank you letter to the Rachor Family Foundation is requested within two weeks of your notification as the recipient.



Date Received _____
Application Reviewed _____

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Date Submitted: _____ School Year Applying For: _____

Students Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, MI Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M ___ F ___

Catholic Elementary School attended: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Application Essays

Essay #1: Explain what stands out the most to you about Sonya Carson and why a Powers Catholic High School is important.

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**PLEASE ATTACH YOUR ESSAY, LABELED ESSAY #1
PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE YOUR MATERIALS; UTILIZE PAPER CLIPS.**

Please list below your participation in community service, extracurricular activities (e.g. Scouting, athletics, Parish, or school activities. (You may attach on a separate sheet if space required:

Extracurricular activities:

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

Please list your Christian Service

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

Please list your Awards and Honor (if any):

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

Application deadline: April 15 of year applying for

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