

Diocese of Colorado Springs, CO



Mary Aurelia De Witt Memorial Scholarship

Application Packet
for
Academic Year 2026-2027

Website:

<https://www.diocs.org/About/Catholic-Organizations/Colorado-Springs-Council-for-Black-Catholics>

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/cscbc.be.seen



Colorado Springs Council for Black Catholics

Diocese of Colorado Springs

228 North Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

April 7, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that if your child is entering fourth through twelfth grade in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Colorado Springs, CO for the 2026-2027 academic year, he/she is eligible to apply for a \$500 *Mary Aurelia De Witt Memorial Scholarship* from the Colorado Springs Council for Black Catholics (CSCBC).

If you would like your child to be considered for this award, please complete the attached application, attach Letter of Recommendation and Proof of Enrollment, and follow all the instructions.

Note: The last page of the application includes instructions specifically for the applicant (child).

It is very important that the application, essay, letter of recommendation, and proof of enrollment for the 2026-2027 academic year are in the same envelope and received by the stated date. Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Mail or deliver the envelope to the Pastoral Center:

Colorado Springs Council for Black Catholics
Scholarship Committee
Diocese of Colorado Springs
228 N. Cascade Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

CSCBC scholarships are independent of any other scholarship(s) available and requires its own application. Please understand that this letter with the application does not imply in any way that the scholarship has already been awarded, only that your child will be considered. Scholarships are awarded without regard to ethnicity.

Parent/Guardian and schools will be notified of selection results by June 30, 2026. Concerns or questions may be emailed to cscbc.be.seen@gmail.com.

Cordially,

Colorado Springs Council for Black Catholics
Scholarship Committee

Email: cscbc.be.seen@gmail.com

Voicemail: 1-719-822-1261



Colorado Springs Council for Black Catholics (CSCBC)

Mary Aurelia De Witt Memorial Scholarship for Academic Year 2026-2027

CHECKLIST

Please use this checklist to ensure you have all the required information and documents.

All documentation for each applicant (child) must be in one envelope and received by the Council by end of business day May 21, 2026. Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.

- Application** – Answer all questions. If a question does not apply, you can enter “N/A”.
- Application** – Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must sign and date the application.
- Application** – The applicant (the child) must sign and date in the applicable area. Parent, please do not sign for the child.

- Essay** – must be written by the applicant (the child).
- Essay** – can be legibly hand-written, or typed. If typed, double-space, and use 12-point Times New Roman font.

- Signed Letter of Recommendation from one of the applicant’s current teachers** – must be on school letterhead and include the identity of author, position, relationship to student, and signature.
- Proof of enrollment for Academic Year 2026-2027** – must be on school letterhead and signed by the school principal or principal’s authorized representative.

- ALL DOCUMENTS FOR THIS APPLICANT (CHILD) ARE READY TO PUT INTO ONE ENVELOPE.**

CSCBC is not responsible for lost, late, damaged, stolen, illegible, misdirected or postage due mail.



Colorado Springs Council for Black Catholics (CSCBC)

Application for
Mary Aurelia De Witt Memorial Scholarship
Academic Year 2026-2027

Before submitting the application, the following must be completed. Please use the checklist to assist you in ensuring all documents are completed as required.

- Application
- Essay
- Letter of Recommendation from one of the applicant's teachers
- Proof of enrollment for Academic Year 2026-2027

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To be completed by Parent/Guardian (please print clearly, or type)

1. Name of Applicant (child): _____

Applicant's date of birth: _____

School entering in Fall 2026: _____

Grade entering in Fall 2026 (4th-12th grade): _____

2. Parent's Mailing Address: _____

3. Parent's Email: _____

4. Best phone number for Parent contact: _____

Best time to call: _____

5. Primary language spoken in the home: _____

6. Parish in which family is registered: _____

Parish address: _____

7. If not registered, please explain: _____

8. Please describe your reason(s) for enrolling the applicant in Catholic school:

9. Number of years applicant has attended Catholic schools: _____

10. Describe applicant's grades (e.g., "Average", "Above Average", "Honor Roll", etc.):

11. Including the applicant, how many children in the immediate family will be attending Catholic schools (pre-K through the 12th grade) during the Academic Year 2026-2027? _____

12. Has the applicant or any siblings received a CSCBC scholarship in the past? Yes No
If YES, who and when? Not sure

13. List applicant's extra-curricular activities (include church/community involvement):

14. Is the applicant of African-American heritage? Yes No

15. Are any members of the applicant's family current members of the Colorado Springs Council for Black Catholics? Yes No Don't know

If Yes, what is the relationship? _____

By submitting this application, you understand that:

- The scholarship is not automatically awarded just because the application has been submitted. The CSCBC Scholarship Committee will determine the awardee(s).
- Scholarships are not transferable.
- Awardee(s) is/are expected to be present for the scholarship presentation at the annual CSCBC St. Martin De Porres (free) dinner. The dinner is normally the first Saturday evening in November. You will be notified of the details.
- You give permission for pictures to be taken of your child for newspapers, newsletters, etc. including online versions of the media. CSCBC and/or the Diocese of Colorado Springs retain all rights to the pictures.
- If your child is awarded a scholarship, you agree to assist/participate in CSCBC activities/events as you are able for at least one year (August 2026 through July 2027). This can include attending events and/or disseminating information about CSCBC and its activities.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must sign and date below:

Printed name(s) _____

Signature(s) _____

Date(s) _____

To be completed by the Applicant (child)

Using separate paper please explain, in your own words, why you want this scholarship and include something about yourself. Your essay should be 300 to 500 words and attached to this application.

Your essay can be legibly hand-written, or typed. If typed, double-space, and use 12-point Times New Roman font.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____