



# BISHOP MACHEBEUF HIGH SCHOOL

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AND NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Bishop Machebeuf High School understands the sacrifices families make to invest in Catholic education for their students. Machebeuf offers a tuition assistance program to help students from varied economic backgrounds. Bishop Machebeuf High School offers both merit-based scholarships and need-based financial aid to students and families who qualify. Need-based financial aid is available both through Machebeuf and through several external foundations.

## MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO FRESHMEN

Each school year, Bishop Machebeuf High School awards merit-based scholarships to incoming freshmen based on various criteria.

**The Robert Duke Finn Scholarship** is awarded to the top achiever on the High School Placement Test (HSPT) taken on the common test date in December of the student's eighth grade year. The scholarship pays one half of the student's tuition and is renewable each year provided that the student maintains a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better. Only students who have taken the HSPT at Machebeuf and listed Machebeuf as their first choice school are eligible for this scholarship.

**The Principal's Scholarship** is awarded to students who score in the top nine after the top achiever (making up the top ten test scorers) on the High School Placement Test taken on the common test date in December of the student's eighth grade year. The scholarship pays \$1,000 of the student's tuition and is renewable each year provided that the student maintains a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better. Only students who have taken the HSPT at Machebeuf and listed Machebeuf as their first choice school are eligible for this scholarship.

**The Future Leader of Machebeuf Scholarship** is awarded to five incoming freshmen who participate in and excel in the Future Leader of Machebeuf Essay Competition. To be considered for this scholarship, students must meet all criteria outlined on the application and complete a two-page essay in response to the following question:

*How do you plan to show an appreciation for our Five Core Values of Devotion to God, Academic Excellence, Service to Others, Ethnic and Cultural Variety, and Christian Morality in your everyday life while a student at Bishop Machebeuf High School and beyond?*

The scholarship pays \$1,500 of the student's tuition and is renewable each year provided that the student maintains a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better, actively participates in a minimum of one co-curricular activity at BMHS, participates in the class community service day each year, and has contributed a minimum of ten family service hours to the school each year. All admitted incoming freshmen are eligible for this scholarship.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO UPPERCLASSMEN

**The Trustee Scholarship** is a \$1,000 one-year scholarship awarded to the student who receives the highest grade point average (GPA) in his or her class at the close of the second semester of the preceding school year. It is the only merit-based scholarship awarded to currently enrolled Machebeuf students. Students entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year are eligible for this scholarship.

## **NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID**

The Financial Aid program at Bishop Machebeuf High School is intended to supplement families who have a limited ability to pay full tuition. However, financial aid will **NOT** meet the full costs of attending Machebeuf. All families are expected to pay a portion of the tuition and fees for their students. Parents who anticipate a need for assistance are encouraged to apply on behalf of their student. Financial aid packages will be determined only after a student has been admitted to Bishop Machebeuf High school.

**Applications for financial aid MUST BE completed by the deadline specified on each application.**

**Application Deadlines: end of March 2012/mid-April 2012\***

\*Financial Aid Application Deadlines for the 2012-2013 School Year have not been set. Please check the Machebeuf website after January 3, 2012 for more information regarding deadlines.

## **NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID THROUGH BISHOP MACHEBEUF HIGH SCHOOL**

Bishop Machebeuf High School awards financial aid to qualifying families whose students have been admitted to Machebeuf and who have a limited ability to pay full tuition. Financial aid awarded will not meet the full cost of tuition but is intended to provide assistance to partially meet the family's financial obligation. To be considered for need-based BMHS Aid and Donor Aid, a family must complete a FAIR (Financial Aid Independent Review, Inc.) application and furnish copies of the family's tax return and W-2s to FAIR by the deadline. Families who apply must meet the criteria listed on the application. Students who receive BMHS Aid must maintain a 2.0 GPA, and students who receive Donor Aid must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

## **SR. ROSEMARY WILCOX SCHOLARSHIP**

The Sr. Rosemary Wilcox Scholarship was established in honor of the first principal of Machebeuf. To apply for this scholarship, students and families must meet the eligibility guidelines listed on the application and students must complete an essay application. Families must demonstrate financial need by completing the FAIR application. A partial tuition scholarship is awarded to one girl and one boy from the eligible candidates. Students must reapply each year to be considered for this scholarship.

## **WILLIAM AND VICKI LYNN INGRAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The William and Vicki Lynn Ingram Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to one Machebeuf student. The recipient will receive an award of \$2,000 to be applied toward his/her annual tuition. Families must meet the eligibility guidelines listed on the application. Among other requirements, students must be U.S. citizens, have a GPA of 3.0 or better or score above 50 on the High School Placement Test, and submit an essay. Families must demonstrate financial need by completing the FAIR application. Students must qualify and apply each year to be eligible for the scholarship.

## **EXTERNAL NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID**

The foundations listed below offer financial assistance to Machebeuf families, and each has its own application, criteria for awarding, and deadline. These foundations determine financial aid awards for those families who fully meet all requirements.

## **ACE Scholarships**

To qualify for an ACE Scholarship, families must live in Colorado and qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. A limited number of applications are available each year through the Bishop Machebeuf High School Office of Admissions. The amount of financial assistance awarded is up to \$3,000 per academic year. The awards renew automatically each year for a total of four years and follow a student from lower grades through high school. Students must reapply for assistance extensions after four years on an ACE scholarship.

### **E. Isabella Stupfel Trust Scholarship**

The E. Isabella Stupfel Trust awards students up to \$1,500 in assistance. For this scholarship, students must meet the eligibility guidelines listed on the application, be in the top 10% of their class, participate in school and extracurricular activities, and be strongly involved in the Catholic community. Students must complete an essay application. Families must demonstrate financial need by completing the FAIR application. Students must reapply each year to be considered for this scholarship.

### **Schmitz Family Foundation**

The Schmitz Family Foundation supports Machebeuf students through scholarships of up to \$3,000. Families must meet the eligibility guidelines listed on the application. At least one person in the family must be employed, and federal income tax forms and W-2s must be included with the application. Students must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA. Families must reapply for funding each school year.

### **Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust**

The Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust supports Machebeuf students who have attended S.U.N. or FOCUS schools for elementary school. Families must meet the eligibility guidelines listed on the application and must submit an application each school year to be considered. Applications are available through the Bishop Machebeuf High School Office of Admissions.

## **OTHER**

### **Universal Education Supporters (UES)**

Many Machebeuf families are able to pay some of their tuition through working with Universal Education Supporters (UES). UES is a nonprofit group that helps families raise money for their children's Catholic education. Participants work in concession stands at major sporting events around the Denver Metro area (Sports Authority Field at Mile High, the Pepsi Center, etc.). UES participants earn shares of the money made by the concession stands at these events. UES pays BMHS directly, and the payments are credited to the participating families' tuition accounts. The amount of tuition paid through this program depends on the number of events worked and the number of family members and friends who work the events. This program is open to all BMHS families, their relatives and friends.