



Peoria Notre Dame High School Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Scholarship

Peoria Notre Dame High School and the Simmons family announce the **Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Scholarship**. The award will be given to one 8th grade student for use each year, freshman-senior years, while attending Peoria Notre Dame High School.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PRIORITIES

The Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Scholarship, an endowed scholarship at Peoria Notre Dame High School, was established by Patti Simmons, in memory of her husband, Randy Simmons (April 16, 1957-February 19, 2019) who was Principal of Peoria Notre Dame High School (2014-2019). The scholarship was established with a sincere desire to encourage and support families whose student otherwise may not be able to attend Peoria Notre Dame High School.

The Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Scholarship will be awarded annually to an incoming freshman meeting the established criteria. The recipient will receive the scholarship annually for their four years at Peoria Notre Dame High School. The scholarship is administered by the Advancement Director of Peoria Notre Dame as part of the overall scholarship program. Selection of a recipient will be determined by members of the PND staff and the Simmons family.

No later than **December 13, 2024**, (postmarked or dropped off at the Peoria Notre Dame office by 3:30 p.m. this date) the following must be submitted to the Advancement Director:

- 1) The Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Application, including an essay.
- 2) A letter of recommendation from a teacher or coach/club advisor.
- 3) The application process includes the completion of the FACTS Grant and Aid application located at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Results will be used for consideration of the recipient. Families of incoming freshmen may use their 2023 tax documents.
- 4) Report cards from 7th grade and up-to-date 8th grade.

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CRITERIA AND DETAILS

Recipients shall be practicing Catholics, as verified by their pastor. Criteria may involve such things as grades, class participation, behavior in class and participation in extracurricular activities. These criteria must be maintained throughout the four years of the award while meeting the standards of the institution. The funds awarded may only be applied to tuition at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Once a student at Peoria Notre Dame, the student must maintain a 2.5 GPA and participate annually in the community by serving more than 20 hours in volunteer service, be involved in an activity/sport or have a part-time job.

Mail or drop off one copy of a completed application package which includes the following to:

- ___ FACTS Grant & Aid application completed (This is done online, and you can use 2023 tax documents)
- ___ application including signatures
- ___ essays on separate pieces of paper
- ___ letter of recommendation
- ___ report cards from grades 7 and 8 (as current as possible for 8th grade)

Peoria Notre Dame High School
Randy Simmons Tuition Assistance Scholarship
c/o Advancement Director
5105 N. Sheridan Rd.
Peoria, IL 61614

Applications may be downloaded from the Peoria Notre Dame website at PeoriaNotreDame.com/randysimmons-tuition-assistance-scholarship/

Please submit any questions to: Cindy Dermody, Advancement Director at c.dermody@pndhs.org or 309-691-8741 ext. 4248.

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	On a separate sheet of paper, write or type a one-page double-spaced essay addressing the following: Why is it important for you to continue learning in a Catholic environment?
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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I give permission for my name and photo to be released for publication.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GRADE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND PRIEST

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and support submission of this application to Peoria Notre Dame High School.

Name of Principal: _____

Grade School: _____

Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Principal: _____ **Date:** _____

The applicant is a practicing Catholic.

Signature of parish priest: _____ **Date:** _____

***Double check your work. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

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