



Presidential Merit Scholarship

The Presidential Merit Scholarship is annually awarded to incoming freshman students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and potential as indicated through their junior high GPA, recommendations from their current school, a personal statement, and La Salle honors placements. Recipients will be awarded a scholarship of up to \$12,500, renewable each year of their attendance at La Salle. Once at La Salle, recipients must maintain a 3.7 grade point average every semester with no grade below a C-, and maintain an exemplary discipline and attendance record. This is a merit-based award; families do not need to apply for financial aid in order to apply for the Presidential Merit Scholarship.

In order to be considered, applicants must

- 1) Apply for admission to La Salle College Preparatory.
- 2) Submit a Presidential Merit Scholarship Interest Form.
- 3) Take placement tests at La Salle. While not a requirement, placement in honors courses upon entry will have an impact on scholarship eligibility and selection.
- 4) Have the equivalent of a 3.5 GPA average or higher in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
- 5) Submit a letter of recommendation from their current school principal, highlighting their academic achievements, interests, and potential.
- 6) Submit a personal statement of 500 words or less wherein they respond to the following prompt:

One of the five core principles of Lasallian schools is Quality Education. "The Lasallian school provides an education that prepares students not only to contribute to society but to transform it. It calls all to use their knowledge and talents to critically examine and engage the world in light of the message of the Gospel." Why do you want to attend La Salle? How do you see yourself using your academic gifts and other talents to contribute to La Salle's community while a student and the greater community upon graduation?

The admissions committee will review all scholarship applications, and recipients will be notified concurrently with their admissions decision.

Important Dates for Applicants

January 12, 2024	Presidential Merit Scholarship Interest Form and Personal Statement due
January 20, 2024	Honors placement tests offered at La Salle College Preparatory
February 2, 2024	Letter of recommendation from Principal due
March 1, 2024	Notification sent to awardees with admissions decision letter