



## MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

2012-2013

❖ FOUR-YEAR HOLY CHILD SCHOLARSHIPS for INCOMING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

One full and two half-tuition Holy Child Scholarships will be awarded.

❖ ONE-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS for INCOMING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

1. The Cornelian Scholarship
2. The Coletta Merritt Scholarship for Excellence
3. The Connelly Math Scholarship
4. The Connelly Science Scholarship
5. The Connelly English Scholarship
6. The Connelly Performing Arts Scholarship
7. The Connelly Visual Arts Scholarship
8. The Connelly Community Service Scholarship
9. The Connelly Leadership Scholarship

❖ STEPS to APPLY for ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Apply for "Early Decision" by submitting the Application for Admission, Application Fee, Academic Reference, Entrance Exam Registration, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade and first quarter 8<sup>th</sup> grade report submitted by Friday, December 9, 2011.
2. Submit all scholarship application materials, including a scholarship cover sheet for each scholarship to which you are applying, by Friday, January 27, 2012.
3. Take Connelly's Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 21, 2012 and Schedule an Admission Interview for Saturday, February 4, 2012.

## ❖ INSTRUCTIONS for SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

### ❖ THE FOUR-YEAR HOLY CHILD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Four-Year Holy Child Scholarships will be awarded to the top 10% scorers on the Entrance Exam. In addition to demonstrating academic excellence, the applicant should also exhibit dedication to community service, leadership and citizenship.

#### Steps to Apply for This Scholarship

1. Completed Early Decision Application materials for Admission to Cornelia Connelly High School.
2. Score in the 90<sup>th</sup> National Percentile on the High School Placement Test, taken at Connelly on **January 21, 2012**.
3. Official Transcripts showing at least a B+ average on 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and First Semester 8<sup>th</sup> Grade grades.
4. A one-page typed essay. Topic: "The Unique Qualities That I Will Bring to Connelly."
5. Academic or Extracurricular Letter of Reference. Please note that this letter is in addition to the *Academic Reference* that is found in the application packet. These references must be from two different sources. Please do not use the *Academic Reference* form for this reference.
6. Completed Holy Child Scholarship Application Form and Scholarship Cover Sheet. All forms must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.
7. Interview scheduled with the Scholarship Committee on **February 4, 2012**. Please contact Connelly's Office of Admission for an appointment.

### ❖ THE CORNELIAN SCHOLARSHIP- \$2000 Award

The Cornelian Scholarship will be awarded to a top scorer on the Entrance Exam. In addition to demonstrating academic excellence, the applicant must also exhibit dedication to community service, leadership and citizenship.

#### Steps to Apply for this Scholarship

1. Submit a description of the applicant's dedication and accomplishment in the areas of leadership, citizenship and community service. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.
2. Submit two letters of reference from a teacher, principal, priest, pastor or civic leader. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.

### ❖ COLETTA MERRITT SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE - \$1000 Award

Coletta Merritt, mother of Nancy (Class of 1984), was a source of inspiration and courage to the entire Connelly Community. The Coletta Merritt Scholarship for Excellence is awarded to a young woman of courage, confidence, and cheerfulness. Applicants with these qualities and demonstrated success on the Entrance Examination are encouraged to apply.

#### Steps to Apply for This Scholarship

1. A typed essay from the applicant using specific examples to describe how she displays Cornelia Connelly's virtues of courage, confidence and cheerfulness.
2. Two letters of reference must also be submitted from a teacher, principal, priest, pastor or civic leader. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.

### ❖ THE CONNELLY MATH SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 Award

The Connelly Math Scholarship is awarded to the applicant with the highest combined score in the mathematics sub-tests on the Entrance Examination. In the event of a tie, eighth-grade math scores will also be considered.

❖ **THE CONNELLY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 Award**

Please make sure you ask for the handout entitled “What is a Science Fair Project?” from the Director of Admissions to meet the deadlines and requirements for this scholarship.

Steps to Apply for This Scholarship

1. Submit a Science Fair **project proposal** to the Connelly Science department (Deadline TBA)
2. Submit your finalized project to the Connelly Science Fair (Date TBA)
3. Please contact the Chair of Connelly High School’s Science Department for specific guidelines and dates for the Science Fair at 714-776-1717 ext. 271.

❖ **THE CONNELLY ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 Award**

The Connelly English Scholarship is awarded to the applicant who demonstrates outstanding written ability and earns a high score on the verbal and language portions of the Entrance Examination.

Steps to Apply for This Scholarship

1. Submit two letters of reference from teachers or school staff members who can attest to applicants’ writing ability and accomplishments. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.

❖ **THE CONNELLY PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 Award**

Steps to Apply for This Scholarship

1. Submit a typed essay (500 words or less) describing applicant’s background in voice, dance, theater or instrumental music. Please include the length of time studied and the variety of styles and/or techniques performed and practiced. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.
2. Submit two letters of reference from individuals who have knowledge of the applicant’s performance ability, aspirations and goals. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.
3. Submit an audiocassette, VHS standard play videocassette, or DVD of recent work. Those sent by mail must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**. Cassettes or DVD’s should be 10-20 minutes in length and should cover a variety of materials and techniques that emphasize the applicants’ performance versatility and strengths. All cassettes or DVD’s should be labeled with the applicant’s name, title, and author of each piece, and the length of each piece performed. Theater pieces should also include the name of the character portrayed. Some examples include:

- *Voice* – Perform two songs to music using contrasting styles.
- *Dance* – Prepare a dance displaying ability in ballet, tap, jazz or modern utilizing background music.
- *Theater* – Prepare two monologues (approx. 3-5 minutes each) using either a classical or contemporary theme.
- *Instrumental* – Play two pieces of contrasting style.

❖ **THE CONNELLY VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP - \$500**

Steps to Apply for This Scholarship

1. A typed essay (500 words or less) discussing applicant's background, interests, and goals in the field of visual arts. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.
2. At least ten color photographs, 35 mm slides (slides must be in an 8½" x 11" plastic slide sheet), or CD of original work. No more than two of the pieces of work can be the same and each must be labeled with the applicant's name, title of the work, dimensions and medium. Entries may be submitted in the following areas: ceramics, painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, printmaking, graphic design, theater set design, jewelry making, textile/fabric design, or other traditional or ethnic art forms. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.

❖ **THE CONNELLY COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 Award**

The Connelly Community Service Scholarship is awarded to the applicant who demonstrates outstanding efforts in community service.

Steps to Apply for This Scholarship

1. Provide information about participation in service programs. This should include: a description of the program, the actual type of involvement performed by the applicant, time involved on a regular basis, total length of time of involvement.
2. A supervisor of the service program should document the information and write a short evaluation of the applicant's participation. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.
3. The applicant should write a typed essay (not longer than two typed pages) describing the program and making a special note of what she gained from the experience of serving others. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.

❖ **THE CONNELLY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 Award**

The Connelly Leadership Scholarship is designed to honor an eighth-grade young woman for her leadership accomplishments in either a school, church or community setting.

Steps to Apply for This Scholarship

1. Two letters of reference must be submitted that verify the applicant's leadership activities and accomplishments that support the application for this award. Must be postmarked **Friday, January 27, 2012**.