



Cornelia  
Connelly  
School

2015-2016  
Cornelia Connelly School Merit Scholarships  
Application Form

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup>Grade School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. School Involvement

Please list and describe any school involvement for the following categories:

#### Leadership

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Position(s) held 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Position(s) held 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your dedication and accomplishment in the areas of leadership, citizenship, and community service: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Athletics

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sports played \_\_\_\_\_

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sports played \_\_\_\_\_

#### Awards (for any aspect of school involvement)

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Name of Award(s) \_\_\_\_\_

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Name of Award(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Community Involvement

Please list any community involvement for the following categories

### Community Service

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Project or Organization(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Project or Organization(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Awards (for any aspect of community involvement)

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Name of Award(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Name of Award(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Spirituality

Please list any activities that you feel have contributed to the involvement and further knowledge of your faith tradition, as well as your own personal/spiritual growth.

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\_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Special Talents

Please list any special talents or accomplishments in the area of Fine or Performing arts or other:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Co-Curricular Activities

Please list any other activities not listed above that have contributed to your personal or academic growth.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Certification

#### School

I certify that the application form for the above applicant accurately describes her involvement in school and community activities.

School Official's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### Applicant

I have completed the following materials with my scholarship application. I understand that my application will not be considered if any of these materials are missing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application for Admission to Connelly High School

\_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcripts Showing 7<sup>th</sup> and First Semester 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grades

\_\_\_\_\_ One page Typed Essay. Topic: "Trust, Reverence and Respect are the core principals of Cornelia Connelly School. In what ways do you see yourself impacting the Connelly community by living out the school's motto to lead, serve and inspire?"

\_\_\_\_\_ Two Academic or Co-curricular Letters of Reference. Please note that these letters are **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.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Scholarship Application Form and Cover Sheet

\_\_\_\_\_ High School Placement Test Taken at Connelly on January 23, 2016

\_\_\_\_\_ Interview Scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2016

**I understand that in order for my scholarship application to be considered, I must have submitted the Cornelia Connelly School Application for Admission (including full transcripts, recommendations, entrance exam, and interview) and all other scholarship materials by Friday, January 22, 2016. The work I have submitted is original and my own. I understand the decision made by the Scholarship Committee is FINAL.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Scholarship Program 2015-2016

Please submit this Scholarship Cover Sheet with your Merit Scholarship Application.

**By submitting an application for a Cornelia Connelly Merit Scholarship, I understand that I will be considered for all Merit Scholarships for which I am eligible, with the exception of Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Community Service, & Science which require supporting documents. The Cornelia Connelly Scholarship Committee will make the decisions for scholarship awards and I understand the decision made by the Scholarship Committee is final.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Present School \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that in order for my scholarship application to be considered, I must submit to Cornelia Connelly School all Application materials (including *Application, Application Fee, Report Cards for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and first quarter 8<sup>th</sup> grade grades, Academic Reference, and Connelly's Entrance Exam Registration*) by the deadline date of Friday, January 22, 2016. The scholarship application and all work I have submitted as part of the scholarship application is original and my own. I understand the decision made by the Scholarship Committee is final.**

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



## ***MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS***

2015-2016

- ❖ FOUR-YEAR HOLY CHILD SCHOLARSHIPS for INCOMING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS  
One full and two half-tuition Holy Child Scholarships will be awarded.
  
- ❖ FOUR-YEAR Skilled Scientist & Gifted Artist Scholarships for INCOMING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS
  
- ❖ 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 to Cornelia Connelly School 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, January 22, 2016**.
2. Submit all scholarship application materials, including the scholarship cover sheet and scholarship application by **Friday, January 22, 2016**.
3. A one-page typed essay. Topic: "Trust, Reverence and Respect are the core principals of Cornelia Connelly School. In what ways do you see yourself impacting the Connelly community by living out the school's motto to lead, serve and inspire?" Be specific. Include examples of how you will live this out at Cornelia Connelly School and in the global community.
4. Two Academic or Extracurricular Letters of Reference. Please note that these letters are in addition to the *Academic Reference* that is found in the application packet. These references must be from two different sources. It is advisable that at least one of these recommendations be from the student's English teacher. Reference letters should be from a teacher, principal, priest, pastor, or civic leader. Letters should highlight or verify the applicant's leadership abilities, activities and accomplishments that support the application for scholarships. Must be postmarked by **Friday, January 22, 2016**. Please do not use the *Academic Reference* form for this reference.
5. Take Connelly's Entrance Exam on **Saturday, January 23, 2016** and Schedule an Admission Interview for **Saturday, February 6, 2016**. Please contact Connelly's Office of Admission for an appointment.

## ❖ DESCRIPTIONS of SCHOLARSHIPS

### ❖ **THE FOUR-YEAR HOLY CHILD SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Four-Year Holy Child Scholarships will be awarded to students who score in the 90<sup>th</sup> National Percentile on the High School Placement Test, taken at Connelly on **January 23, 2016**. Official Transcripts must show at least a B+ average on 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and First Semester 8<sup>th</sup> Grade grades. In addition to demonstrating academic excellence, the applicant should also exhibit dedication to community service, leadership and citizenship.

### ❖ **FOUR-YEAR Skilled Scientist - \$2500 Award each year of attendance**

The Four-Year Skilled Scientist Scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates outstanding skill in Science. Steps to apply are outlined under the Science Scholarship.

### ❖ **FOUR-YEAR Gifted Artist Scholarship - \$2500 Award each year of attendance**

The Four-Year Gifted Artist Scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates outstanding skill in the Fine Arts. Steps to apply are outlined under Performing Arts and Visual Arts scholarships.

### ❖ **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.

### ❖ **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.

### ❖ **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 and high grades in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math classes.

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

Please make sure you ask for the handout entitled "What is a Science Fair Project?" from the Admissions Associate 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 Cornelia Connelly School's Science Department for specific guidelines and dates for the Science Fair at 714-776-1717 ext. 242.

### ❖ **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.

❖ **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 22, 2016**.
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 22, 2016**.
3. Submit CD or DVD of recent work. Those sent by mail must be postmarked **Friday, January 22, 2016**. CD's 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 CD's 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 22, 2016**.
2. At least ten color photographs 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 22, 2016**.

❖ **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 22, 2016**.
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 22, 2016**.

❖ **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.