



## **Powers Catholic High School**

### **Dr. Sonya Carson Scholarship**

**Established by the Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd.**

This scholarship was established in 2014 by the Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd. in recognition of Dr. Sonya Carson.

Sonya is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was one of 24 children. She was married at age 13 and moved to Detroit, only to discover that her husband had another family. This resulted in a divorce after she had two young sons. She worked two and sometimes three jobs at a time because she did not want to be on welfare.

Sonya dedicated her life to giving her sons an opportunity for success in life. Because they were heading down the wrong road with bad friends, she required that they watch no more than two or three television programs a week. Sonya expected them to read books from the public library and submit written book reports to her. They didn't know that she could not read. Both of her sons went on to become very successful. Her oldest son, Curtis, is a senior engineer with Honeywell, and her young son, Benjamin, is Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins medical institutions in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1989, he was named one of 89 Living Legends on the occasion of the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress.

Once her sons were in college, Sonya taught herself to read, earned her GED, went on to college, and in 1994 received an honorary doctorate degree from Spalding University in Kentucky. Therefore, she is now Dr. Carson as well. Sonya is very active in interior design and furniture remodeling and also enjoys gardening. She travels frequently and enjoys her five grandchildren. Thanks to Sonya's influence, all of her grandchildren are in college or graduate school at prestigious institutions across the county. (click on additional file for Sonya Carson).

#### **Dr. Sonya Carson Scholarship Award Criteria**

1. Financial need
2. Applicants may be of Catholic or non-Catholic Faith

3. The student has demonstrated high levels of integrity, and honesty while participating in extracurricular activities
4. The applicant must submit an essay - Explain what stands out to you the most about Dr. Sonya Carson and why is it important for you to attend Powers Catholic High School

This scholarship was established in October, 2014 by The Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd.



## The Dr. Sonya Carson Scholarship Award

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The purpose of this scholarship is to provide \$1,000 for tuition assistance to a student attending Powers Catholic High School who meets the criteria set forth by the Powers Catholic High School Administration.

### **THE AWARD**

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award of \$1,000 for the academic school year at Powers Catholic High School.

The award is to be used during the traditional academic year (fall through spring) for tuition. The award is paid by reducing the total amount of tuition by the award at receipt of the scholarship. If the student withdraws from Powers Catholic High School, the scholarship amount is to be pro-rated over 12 months and the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Students must send a) completed application, b) one letter of recommendation (see next paragraph), c) a completed essay found in criteria.

The application submission letter of recommendation may come from a Principal, Pastor, Teacher, Scout Leaders, Coach, or other Community Leader and should confirm the student and family's service to the respective Parish or School, or community.

### **Selection of Recipients**

Selection of the scholarship recipient is based upon need, demonstrated participation in school, parish and community activities, statement of goals and aspirations, family circumstances, and the appraisal by a teacher, counselor, principal, priest, scout leader, or other community leader contained in the letter of recommendation.

Scholarship recipients are chosen solely by the selection committee at Powers Catholic High School. All applicants agree to accept the decision of Powers Catholic High School as final. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

Selection(s) will be made without regard to race or gender.

**Obligation of Recipients**

Except as previously outlined, no obligations are to be imposed upon the student(s) as a scholarship recipient. Students are to notify the Powers Catholic Selection Committee of any changes in address, school enrollment or other relevant information.

A thank you letter to the Rachor Family Foundation is requested within two weeks of your notification as the recipient.



Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Application Reviewed \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year Applying For 2015-2016

Students Full Name:

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Address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_, MI Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M\_\_F\_\_

Elementary School attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Essays**

**Essay #1: Explain what stands out the most to you about Sonya Carson and why a Powers Catholic High School is important.**

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**PLEASE ATTACH YOUR ESSAY, LABELED ESSAY #1  
PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE YOUR MATERIALS; UTILIZE PAPER CLIPS.**

**Please list below your participation in community service, extracurricular activities (e.g. Scouting, athletics, Parish, or school activities. (You may attach on a separate sheet if space required:**

**Extracurricular activities:**

Date From/To (i.e. 09/10-present)	Extracurricular Activities	Organization

**Please list your Christian Service**

*Please list your Christian Service (if any specific):*

Date From/To (i.e. 09/10-present)	Extracurricular Activities	Organization

**Please list your Awards and Honor (if any):**

Date From/To (i.e. 09/10-present)	Extracurricular Activities	Organization

**Application deadline: April 15, 2015**

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