



# St. Michael the Archangel

Diocesan Regional Catholic High School

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## Jake T. Ragusa, Jr. Scholarship

Dear St. Thomas More Eighth Grader,

St. Michael the Archangel High School is pleased to concur with the family of Jake Ragusa, Jr. in publishing the criteria for the awarding of this scholarship. The Ragusa family, through extensive thought, discussion and prayer, recommends that the recipient possess the following traits. The recipient of the Jake T. Ragusa, Jr. Scholarship will be someone who:

- 1) Is enrolled in the eighth grade at St. Thomas More and will attend St. Michael High School (It is recommended that the student's GPA be 3.0 or better)
- 2) Is actively involved in one or more extracurricular activities
- 3) Exhibits leadership qualities
- 4) Displays friendliness and love of people
- 5) Lives with Christian thoughtfulness, actions, attitudes, and faith
- 6) Needs the award for personal or financial reasons as determined by the selection committee

Please note, however, that failure to meet one criterion will not disqualify an applicant if he/she is the best qualified otherwise.

Please review the application process with your parents. With their approval, complete the below form, and mail, deliver, email or fax it to St. Michael High School. Please mail or deliver to St. Michael High School; Attn: Scholarships; 17521 Monitor Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70817-2640. You may email [admissions@smhsbr.org](mailto:admissions@smhsbr.org) or fax to us at 225.753.0605.

The deadline for consideration is Wednesday, April 15, 2026. A selection panel made up of representatives from the two schools and the Ragusa family will review the applications. The recipient of the award will be announced at the St. Thomas More graduation.

Please accept our good wishes for your successful completion of the eighth grade. We look forward to your association with our school next year. May God bless you!

In Christ,

Mr. Jared Cavalier Principal



**JAKE T. RAGUSA, JR SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
**Application Form**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT GPA \_\_\_\_\_

***This information should be completed by the applicant (student).***

**Directions:** Considering the criteria listed below type your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Be concise. Return the completed form to St. Michael the Archangel High School.

1. List your school, church, and civic clubs, including any offices held for the last two years.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Explain what type of activities you hope to encounter during high school (sports, clubs, music, etc.).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. From your perspective, describe the significance of a Catholic education. (What difference do you feel it will make in your life?)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Describe your role as a Catholic in today's world.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Explain why you feel are the best candidate for this award.

**The answers to questions #1 through #5 above are my own and were not composed by anyone other than myself.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Question: Please explain any personal or financial need as it relates to this scholarship.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must be received by St. Michael the Archangel High School by, April 15, 2026**

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