



**SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
JASON MATTHEWS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2008-09**

Jason Matthews was a member of the Saint Monica Catholic High School Class of 1987. Upon graduation from Saint Monica, he attended the University of Pittsburgh, graduating in 1991. Jason Matthews has founded the Jason Matthews Scholarship for entering 9th grade Saint Monica students, with moderate to high financial need, and proven academic excellence and school/community involvement.

SMCHS will award one Jason Matthews Scholarship of \$10,000, payable over four years. The initial award offered is \$2,500 and is renewable each year the returning student qualifies by maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.7 and participates in a major activity or leadership position at Saint Monica Catholic High School. Applicants should have demonstrated excellence in his/her studies and made significant contributions to his/her school and/or community. Applicants must also demonstrate moderate to high financial need. To be considered, applicants must complete the entrance examination at SMCHS on 1/26/08. The Admissions Committee will determine the recipients, who will be notified by mail the week of 3/7/08.

Instructions

**Applicants should submit the following information to Saint Monica Catholic High School,
1030 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90403 – Attn: Admissions Committee:**

- 1) Completed activity sheet
- 2) One-page typed essay articulating his/her qualifications and worthiness for receiving this award
- 3) Financial needs assessment filled out by parent/guardian
- 4) Front and back pages of parent/guardian 2006 or 2007 Federal tax returns and, if applicable, a reference letter or documents verifying any unusual circumstances
- 5) **Application packet must be received by 2/01/08**

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ACTIVITY SHEET

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Current School: _____

Current Principal: _____

Please fill in the following table listing activities and accomplishments indicating year(s):

| | School | Church/ Community |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|
| Activities/ Organizations | | |
| Leadership Positions/ Awards | | |
| Service | | |

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT APPLICANT: _____

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ONE-PAGE TYPED ESSAY - DOUBLE SPACED

Please articulate the reasons why you are qualified for and worthy of receiving this award.

ESSAY MAY BE TYPED ON A SEPARATE SHEET

Monetary Assistance From:
Spouse \$ _____
Parents \$ _____
Children \$ _____
Other Relatives \$ _____

Other Income \$ _____

Total Monthly Household Income for self (plus _____ people) \$ _____

Monthly Expenses:

Housing \$ _____

Food for family living at home \$ _____

Utilities (heat, electricity, telephone, water, etc.) \$ _____

Medical Costs (not covered by insurance) \$ _____

Insurance

Life \$ _____

Health \$ _____

Homeowners \$ _____

Automobile

Gasoline/maintenance \$ _____

Insurance \$ _____

Loan payments \$ _____

Public Transit Costs \$ _____

Child Care \$ _____

Credit Card debt repayment \$ _____

Other loan debt repayment \$ _____

Other (Describe)

Total Monthly Household Expenses for self (plus _____ people) \$ _____

Attached is the front and back of my 2006 or 2007 Federal tax returns.
(You are not required to attach tables or any additional forms.)

Attached, if applicable, is a reference letter or documents verifying any
unusual circumstances.

I attest that the above stated information is true and that upon request, further documentation will be submitted.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

JASON MATTHEWS BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in the City of Los Angeles, Jason Matthews played youth sports from an early age, yet only started playing basketball at age 14. Basketball has opened many doors for Jason his entire life and was the passion that led him to St. Monica.

In an ongoing quest to be exposed to the best education possible, Jason was bussed to the Valley to attend a magnet school in the fourth grade, an hour and a half commute each way at the age of 9. His parents always maintained a hard fast rule that in order for him to continue playing sports, his grades had to remain at a 3.0 grade point average. Jason's mentor and AAU coach Benny Davenport introduced the Matthews family to Coach Klemm and St. Monica. Jason was accepted as a 10th grader and received a scholarship and financial aid until he graduated in 1987. As a shooting guard, Jason was selected to the All-Section, All-Conference, and All-West Side Teams for two years. Most notably, he was named the All-Westside Player of the Year his senior year and helped lead the Mariners to the Final Four 5A Championships. While at St. Monica, Jason was a National Honor Society member and volunteered at the Teen Post on the East Side.

Jason attended the University of Pittsburgh on a basketball scholarship, where he majored in Economics and graduated in 1991. During those four years, Jason continued to excel on the court. He was selected for the Big East Conference All Freshman Team and the Big East All Conference Team his remaining 3 years. He is the Big East's All Time 3-Point Percentage Leader and the 5th All Time leading scorer in Pitt History with 1800+ points. He holds several University of Pittsburgh records for 3-point and free throw shooting. Off the court, Jason managed to be a guest speaker at over 300 speaking engagements to local schools, sports camps, high school graduations, youth homes, the D.A.R.E Program, to share his general life philosophies and strategies. Still devoted to his alma mater, Jason is a Board Member of the Pitt Alumni Association and specifically works to promote the Association to increase membership to current students. Jason also spearheaded a Career Services Program and Job Fair to mentor Pitt student athletes.

After college, Jason tried out with the Los Angeles Lakers and Milwaukee Bucks before playing in the PBA in the Philippines. Upon retiring from basketball, he went to work as a financial planner, accumulating over 250 clients and managing \$300 million in just five years. Staying true to his entrepreneurial side, Jason started CKG & Company in 1995, a real estate company that has since purchased and sold over 100 residential properties in Pittsburgh's communities. In 1998, he co-founded SGS Group, a supplier of construction materials to major projects; namely PNC Park Baseball Stadium, Pittsburgh Convention Center, Heinz Field Football Stadium, UPMC Cancer Institute, and UPMC Sports Complex. Striving to impact the new face of Pittsburgh, he co-founded eSGS in 1999, a technology company that operates bid events for diverse suppliers wishing to conduct business with Fortune 500 companies. Jason still carves out time to mentor youth through Big Brothers and Sisters, consults for home ownership programs, accepts speaking invitations, and develops young people at every turn.

Residing in Pittsburgh with his family, Jason coaches his children's basketball and soccer teams, and is a passionate fan of hip-hop music and its business pioneers. He visits his California home often and plans to retire there in the near future.