

## 2011/2012 HAMILTON CYO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hamilton CYO has established a fund that will be used to grant eight \$1000 scholarships for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students planning to attend Badin High School in the upcoming 2011/2012 school year. Applicants for the Hamilton CYO scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- The student must be an active parishioner and/or current student in a Hamilton CYO member parish or school
- The student must currently be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- The student must plan to be a Freshman at Hamilton Badin High School in the academic year that begins in August, 2011
- The student must have fully participated in a Hamilton CYO sport for at least two different year/seasons (a CYO year/season runs from August to March)
- The student must fill out an application and mail it to Hamilton CYO, postmarked no later than April 8, 2011. Applications are available at each parish/school office or you can print one from the Hamilton CYO Website. **Hamilton CYO will only review the first 100 applications received.**

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Hamilton CYO scholarship committee who will determine which applicants best meet the requirements of the scholarship and will receive the \$1000 grants. During the review process the names and parishes of the students applying will NOT be revealed to the committee's voting members. The following elements will be taken into account when deciding the recipients of the Hamilton CYO scholarships:

- **Completed Application Submitted prior to the April, 8, 2011 deadline** – The committee will verify the applicant's parish/school status and their Hamilton CYO sports participation.
- **Written Recommendation** – Students are required to have a non-family member adult (coach, teacher/principal, club leader, priest, etc.) write a paragraph of recommendation as to why the applicant is a good candidate for the scholarship.
- **Financial Need** – Applicants names will be submitted to Badin High School, who will rank them in terms of financial need (no personal finance data will be reviewed by the Hamilton CYO Scholarship Committee). In order to be ranked, the applicant must have already submitted a PSAS Financial Aid form to Badin High School.
- **Applicant Essay** - Applicants will need to submit a one page essay stating in their own words how participating in CYO Sports has been a positive influence on them and why attending Badin High School is important to them.

Based on the above criteria, applications will be ranked from highest to lowest. The top ranked applicants will be the recipients of the Hamilton CYO Scholarships. NOTE: Scholarships are nonrenewable.

Parents of the scholarship winners will be notified before the end of the 2011/2012 School Year. If you have any questions, please contact your parish Athletic Director.