

## Robert Ruth Memorial Scholarship

*A Tuition Assistance Scholarship for Student Athletes*

### Background:

Robert Ruth, late husband of long-time St. Philomena teacher and vice principal, Mary Ruth Rader, was a school parent, volunteer, board member, and CYO coach at St. Philomena School for many years. He loved sports and enjoyed playing baseball, football, soccer, badminton, and even ping-pong, and several other sports, but his favorite was basketball. Robert was a dedicated supporter of Catholic education. He believed that receiving a rigorous, faith-based, academic foundation was vital to success in life, and he also felt that being involved in athletics helped young people be better students by learning and practicing dedication, perseverance, selflessness, and teamwork. After he passed away in 2015, Robert's friends and family and the St. Philomena School Commission established a tuition-assistance scholarship program in his honor and memory. The Robert Ruth Memorial Scholarships are awarded each spring to support the strong work ethic and dedication of St. Philomena student athletes, and the \$500 scholarship awards are deducted from their families' tuition for the following school year.

### Qualifications:

Each applicant MUST:

- 1) be currently enrolled at St. Philomena School in **grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>**
- 2) be involved in some type of organized sport or athletic activity (including but not limited to: CYO, select, recreational, or any other.)
- 3) be part of a family with a financial need that applied for a Fulcrum Grant in January 2023.

### Directions for Students and their Families:

- 1) Please read the background and qualifications sections of this application carefully.
- 2) If more than one child in the family is applying, EACH STUDENT must complete a separate application.
- 3) Carefully and completely fill out the application, by typing directly into the form.  
**NOTE:** *Parents may assist their child(ren) in filling out this application, including the short essay portion; however, the content of the writing should be based on the child's own thinking, ideas, and feelings. The scholarship committee highly values the originality and sincerity of the student's unique writing style and perspective.*
- 4) Submit the completed application electronically as an email attachment to: [maryruthrader@gmail.com](mailto:maryruthrader@gmail.com) on or before Friday, June 2. No late entries will be accepted regardless of circumstances.
- 5) The scholarship committee will review all applications, and the decision of the committee will be final.
- 6) The scholarships will be announced at the end of the school year in June, and the \$500 award will be automatically applied to your tuition account.
- 7) Thank you for your interest! If you are not chosen this year, please apply again next year!

*Good luck!*



**Robert Ruth Memorial Scholarship Application**  
**Due Friday, June 2, 2023!!!**

Student's Name:

Grade Level in 2022—2023:

Parent(s)'s Name(s):

Home Address:

Best Cell Number to Reach Parent:

Best Email to Reach Parent:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, we applied to the Fulcrum Foundation for tuition assistance by the deadline in January 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we did not apply to Fulcrum in January 2023. This will not automatically disqualify your child, but please explain why you did not apply:

Which athletic activities are you (the student) involved in and for how long have you participated? (Please name the sport(s), organization, and location.)

Mr. Ruth was a servant leader, who was committed to helping in his community. As a Catholic school student following the example of Christ, in what ways do you serve by helping your family, neighborhood, team, and/or school or parish community?

In **150 words or less**, please describe your sport(s) or athletic activity (activities) and how you believe your involvement is helping you be a better person and student. (*Answers in excess of 150 words will be disqualified.*)