

# The Steve Matty Scholarship



**Steve Matty (1951-2005) was a 1968 graduate of Catholic Central. Steve was well known in his days at Catholic Central for being a promising athlete as well as a good student. Unknown to most, but his favorite English teacher Sister Mary Georgine, Steve loved to write. His future took him down a path that ultimately led him to be a published poet and songwriter. Steve worked with several favorite artists including John Denver, Neil Diamond, and Dan Fogelberg. His education at Catholic Central prepared him well for his future.**

Here is a sample of Steve's poetry:

**See the stars in the sky  
Did you ever wonder why?  
They shine as bright as  
moonlight on the water.  
And the sun too, up in the blue  
it always shines for you.  
They'll always make a wish come true,  
close your eyes and see.**

This scholarship will be awarded to one incoming Junior and one incoming Senior in the amount of \$2500 towards your STAA tuition. **To apply for the scholarship, please complete the following information and return to the office no later than April 17, 2025.**

Selection will take place in May and will be determined by your essay, information compiled from school records and your application forms. Recipients will be notified prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Selection Criteria:

- Applicants should exhibit the character and personal qualities consistent with the mission of Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy.
- Academic achievement including consistent effort to maintain grades is desired.
- Participation in extra-curricular activities with a willingness to be of service to others is encouraged.

**Applicants should submit an essay to be considered for this scholarship. As you reflect and craft your essay, please try to write from the heart and tell your story. The gift of Steve's writing was that he was able to express and tell a story that moved others, brought humor, emotion, and deep insight.**

**Please discuss how the following questions in your essay:**

-Why are you writing this essay to be considered for the Steve Matty Scholarship?

-What does the gift of expressing yourself through writing do for you and others??

-How do you build community and serve others?

-How is this an expression of your Faith?

**\*Please keep your essay to a maximum of two pages. Attach pages to the form as necessary.**

## Steve Matty Application Form

Student Name\_\_\_\_\_

Grade for Upcoming Year\_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA\_\_\_\_\_

Community Service, Activities, Awards