

*It doesn't matter what you do ... so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away.*

-Ray Bradbury, *Fahrenheit 451*

Have you ever noticed the brick walkway by the flagpole? Or walked through the archway to Our Lady of Victory Stadium? Have you ever filled your water bottle from the water fountain on the 3rd floor? Each of these items was a gift from your St. Thomas Aquinas predecessors, former students just like you.

The Class of 2012 decided to do something even more different, more significant, more *lasting*. They created the **Living Legacy Scholarship Fund**.

Born from the generous donations of that senior class, the Fund's purpose is to provide financial aid to **one** St. Thomas Aquinas freshman who demonstrates diligence and effort in his/her studies. The scholarship helps ease the financial strain caused by the price of tuition or books, supplies, transportation, and the many ancillary costs that arise throughout the school year.

For several months now, you have walked the St. Thomas Aquinas hallways. In that time, you have formed new friendships, settled into a routine, and acclimated to a new environment. You have been introduced to the special St. Thomas Aquinas culture through events and activities such as Spirit Week and the Canned Food Drive. Most importantly, you have been enveloped in our school mission and motto, "*Lux in Tenebris*," and called to move forward as a *light in darkness* to others.

All members of the Class of 2026 are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The recipient will receive **\$500.00** to be applied to his/her second semester financial costs. This gift is not need-based and does not affect any other financial aid that you may be receiving.

**Application Process:** If you wish to apply, please write a one-page essay that describes your personal reflection, experience, or association with *Lux in Tenebris*. In other words, what does it mean to you to be a St. Thomas Aquinas High School student?

Below are some questions to guide you, but your response can and should reflect your own interpretation.

- **What is the most impressive thing you've experienced so far at STA and why?**
- **How do you see yourself contributing to the STA community over the next four years?**
- **How have you seen or experienced the STA students, faculty, staff, or community as being a "light in the darkness?"**

Essays must be submitted in electronic form to Mrs. McCluskey (smccluskey@stalux.org) **by Nov. 18**.

The Living Legacy Scholarship Fund is a genuine gift, given *by* students like you *to* students like you. We hope you view this opportunity as yet another example of how St. Thomas Aquinas cherishes you and your presence in this school and how we wish you good fortune in all that you do.

