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Commissioner Julian Tackett
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to ask for a waiver related to Bylaw 13.

Specifically, the Bylaw states that a student is ineligible for KHSAA-sanctioned sports if he receives a merit scholarship greater than 25 percent of the school's tuition (BL-13-2d). When we last met with other private schools at KHSAA headquarters some private schools in attendance told you that they in the past have granted merit scholarships in excess of the 25 percent ceiling. You stated that in such cases a waiver of this limit could be requested.

Our waiver request is prompted by a donor's interest in establishing a new endowed merit scholarship. The details of this scholarship are included. You will see that the donor wishes to have the school award a merit scholarship up to 30 percent of the school's tuition. Why 30 percent? Based upon the size of this donor's gift and the expected annual earnings of the investment, we should be able to grant merit scholarships up to 30 percent of the tuition. Please note that there is no guarantee that the recipient of this scholarship will play KHSAA sports. There is no requirement that he play any sport.

The first time we would award this new merit scholarship will be for students entering high school in August 2012.

Please note that this new scholarship opportunity does not replace any other merit scholarship opportunities. It is a new opportunity. The other merit scholarship we offer is called a Steinhauser Scholarship and is given to the top 20 scorers on the annual Placement Test. That scholarship's financial award is well below the 25 percent threshold.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert J. Mullen Ed.D.
President

Most Reverend Thomas C. Kelly, O.P. Scholarship Grant

Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, O.P. served as Archbishop of Louisville from 1982 through 2007.

"Kelly Scholar" Tuition Grant

One or more students will be selected each year to receive partial tuition aid up to a maximum of 30 percent of Trinity High School's tuition. The grant will be renewable annually while attending Trinity.

Criteria for selection and maintaining the grant:

- The recipient is to be selected from a pool of applicants who scored in the 98th or 99th percentile on the entrance exam plus one or more additional applicants as may be recommended by the president and principal of the school.
- The candidate must complete a standardized application form that will be made available to all candidates.
- The candidate may supplement the selection process with an essay of 500 words or less setting forth relevant facts as to why he should be selected.
- The selected student must demonstrate a sincere desire to attend Trinity High School and exemplify the expectations of a student attending the school.
- The recipient must continue to make satisfactory progress toward graduation from Trinity High School and achieve the standards as applied to all Steinhauser Award recipients.
- The student must participate in at least one extracurricular activity each school year while attending Trinity (other than or in addition to athletics).
- The student must provide proof of volunteer service hours totaling 30 or more hours per year.
- The recipient's family may apply for and receive financial aid from other sources.
- Failure to comply with the school's policies, procedures or code of conduct may result in withdrawal of the aid. Such a decision will be in the sole discretion of the school's administration.
- The grant is intended to comply with all current and future rules and regulations and specifically the KHSAA rules relating to financial aid to student athletes; accordingly, the grant provisions may require modification from time to time.

The selection process will be the province of the school's administration; however a representative of the donor(s) may participate in the process. The selected recipient will be notified before the registration process begins; no explanation or reasoning concerning the selection of a recipient will be shared with any of the applicants.

Through this scholarship, the Most Reverend Thomas C. Kelly, O.P. has graciously allowed Trinity High School to recognize his unprecedented impact on the school that occurred when, as Archbishop of Louisville, he initiated the Archdiocese's Sponsor relationship with Trinity High School.