



\$10,000 Tuition raffle F.A.Q.

Q: Can only SRS families buy tickets?

A: The raffle is open to anyone 18 or older who would like to purchase a ticket, regardless of if they have any affiliation with SRS or Divine Mercy Parish. Even friends and family who live out of town or out of state can buy tickets. But remember there is a max of 800 tickets so buy them early!

Q: What are the odds of winning?

A: A max of 800 tickets will be sold, so the odds will be 1:800 if all tickets sell. We are asking that each family sell 2 tickets which will help us reach our minimum sale of 450 tickets.

Q: How can I get tickets?

A: 2 tickets will be sent home to each SRS family. If you need more, tickets will also be available by emailing trisha.kozloski@yahoo.com or calling the main office at 203-248-3114. Additionally, tickets will be sold after some weekend masses and at a variety of SRS functions.

Q: Can the money be used by someone other than the winner?

A: The winner of the \$10,000 prize can choose anyone they want to use the money on. Once a winner has been drawn that person can decide where they want the money spent and in who's name.

Q: What can the \$10,000 prize be used for?

A: Prize can be used for Tuition, room and board or books at any accredited K-12 school, college or university located in the U.S., or to pay back a student Loan. The prize will be paid directly to the educational or financial institution of the winner's choice. It can even be broken up and applied to more than one person. (Ex. Grandma wins and wants to give \$5,000 to a grandchild in 1st grade and \$5,000 to a grandchild in college) See www.stritaschool.org for complete rules.

Q: How long do I have to decide where the money will be spent after I win?

A: The winner may take up to 4 years to decide on where to spend the money; payments can be made for up to four consecutive years. (Ex. A friend wins the raffle and does not have a student in school but is planning to send them to kindergarten at a private school in 2020 and school only costs \$5,000. The first payment will be made in 2020 and another in 2021.)

Q: Will ticket sales count towards my assessment?

A: Due to the regulations set by the State of Connecticut on the permit to run the raffle we are not allowed to count the ticket sales towards each family's assessment.

Q: How will the Raffle benefit my children and SRS?

A: The money will be put into the general fund, just like all HSA fundraisers, and used to help close the gap between what we pay in tuition and what it costs to actually educate our children. That gap is quite large, over \$1,000 a child, without our annual fundraising efforts each family would be responsible for a portion of that gap at the end of the year. By selling all 800 tickets we will be able to close that gap and hopefully get a start on extra funds for next year. We are asking each family to sell or buy 2 tickets but if everyone sold 3-4 tickets we will reach the 800 tickets!

Q: When is the raffle and how will I know if I won?

A: The drawing will be at on March 28th, 2020 during the Dancing Through The Decades Auction. The winner does not need to be present to win. If the winner is not present they will be notified by phone that they have won.

Q: Can I use Smart Tuition to pay for raffle tickets?

A: No, all money from the raffle must be kept in a separate bank account and that is not possible with Smart Tuition. Tickets may be purchased using cash or check.