

# **Guaranteed Admission and Scholarship Memorandum of Understanding**

between Carlow University  
and  
York Catholic High School

Inspired by the Roman Catholic tradition and joined in a mission to educate students in an atmosphere of faith, family, and mutual respect, preparing them to serve the global community, Carlow University (located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) and York Catholic High School (located in York, Pennsylvania) hereby establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Through this memorandum, we articulate and codify the ways this partnership can advance our mutual goal of enhancing access to high quality Catholic education at the high school and post-secondary levels. This MOU outlines the most basic components of our partnership, but does not limit the engagement between the two parties.

## **CARLOW UNIVERSITY COMMITS TO THE FOLLOWING:**

Carlow University will guarantee admission and a renewable merit scholarship to graduates of York Catholic High School (YC) who enroll at Carlow University as first-time, full-time students in the fall semester immediately following their graduation from YC. To qualify, the student must:

- Submit a completed application for admission.
- Earn a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA (on a 4.00 scale) by the end of their junior year.
- Score a minimum 1060 SAT (EBRW + Math), 21 ACT composite, or 68 CLT. Carlow will superscore each of these tests should a student take them more than once.
- Be in good standing with YC; students with disciplinary or criminal history are excluded from this agreement and will require further review by Carlow University.

For those who qualify, Carlow University will guarantee:

- Admission to the institution and academic program of choice (including its competitive nursing and cardiovascular perfusion programs), beginning with the Fall 2020 entry term.
- An academic merit scholarship of at least **\$17,000 per year**, a four-year value of \$68,000. Students with higher academic credentials may receive up to **\$20,000 per year**, a four-year value of \$80,000.
- The Catholic High School Award of **\$5,000 per year**, a four-year value of \$20,000. This award is above and beyond the merit scholarship.

Scholarships and awards may be combined with institutional grants and athletic scholarships (if eligible) as long as they do not exceed the cost of tuition. The student must maintain satisfactory academic progress once at Carlow in order to renew annually. These scholarships and awards can be received for up to four years (or eight semesters) total, and are non-transferrable.

Students who do not meet the above criteria are still invited to apply for admission, and will be considered for admission and scholarships by the Committee on Admission at Carlow University.

**YORK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COMMITS TO THE FOLLOWING:**

York Catholic High School (YC) will permit a Carlow University enrollment representative to visit with its students as many as three times annually. These visits will occur as daytime visits and will be in addition to any evening fair or program. Visits will be arranged by Carlow University through the YC college counseling office.

YC will consider inviting a Carlow University enrollment representative to participate in any YC-sponsored program for students and/or families pertaining to the college admissions process (e.g. parent night, college panel, financial aid presentations, etc.).

YC will consider inviting a representative of Carlow University (e.g. faculty, dean, student affairs practitioner, etc.) for classroom or evening presentations on any range of topics relevant to the needs of YC and aligned with the expertise of Carlow University employees.

YC will display Carlow University information, including posters, pennants, and/or brochures, in the college counseling office or elsewhere on school grounds where college information is presented. YC will also communicate with all students and families at least once per year with details of this agreement. Additionally, a summary of this agreement (and a brief Carlow University profile) will be included on the YC website.

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from Carlow University and York Catholic High School and is not retroactive. It will remain in effect until a request by either party to review, modify, or terminate the agreement with a written 30-day notice. As a general practice, this agreement will be reviewed annually in preparation for a new admissions cycle.

**For Carlow University:**

Mollie E. Cecere  
Signature

Mollie Cecere  
Printed Name

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Title

10/24/19  
Date

**For York Catholic High School:**

Adrienne K. Seufert  
Signature

Adrienne K. Seufert  
Printed Name

Principal  
Title

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