



# GUARANTEED ADMISSION & SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

## **PURPOSE**

Mercyhurst University, a private, Catholic university founded by the Sisters of Mercy, prides itself on providing an accessible, affordable, and high-quality education to students from York Catholic.

## **MISSION STATEMENT OF MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY**

Consistent with its Catholic identity and Mercy heritage, Mercyhurst University educates women and men in a culture where faith and reason flourish together, where the beauty and power of the liberal arts combine with an appreciation for the dignity of work and a commitment to serving others. Confident in the strength of its student-faculty bonds, the university community is inspired by the image of students whose choices, in life and work, will enable them to realize the human and spiritual values embedded in everyday realities and to exercise leadership in service toward a just world.

## **GUARANTEED ADMISSION PROGRAM**

Under the terms of this agreement, a student from York Catholic will be guaranteed admission to Mercyhurst University as a full-time, first-time college student provided that he or she:

- Successfully graduate from York Catholic with a high school diploma,
- Complete an application to Mercyhurst University (available at [apply.mercyhurst.edu](http://apply.mercyhurst.edu)),
- Earn a minimum weighted GPA of 3.0 as calculated by Mercyhurst University,
- Seek admission for the fall semester immediately following graduation from York Catholic, and
- Meet any other application requirements.

Some programs may require an audition (e.g. dance, music) or additional placement test requirements (e.g. nursing). Applicants must be in good standing with York Catholic; students with disciplinary or criminal history are excluded from the guaranteed admission program and require review by the Committee on Admissions.

In recognition of this partnership, Mercyhurst University will:

- Make available to York Catholic students an expedited application available at [apply.mercyhurst.edu](http://apply.mercyhurst.edu). Students can self-report their academic credentials rather than waiting for transcripts, test scores, etc. from third parties.

- Evaluate students' academic potential on the basis of their performance at York Catholic. While students who consider their SAT or ACT performance to be a positive component of their application portfolio are invited to submit those scores, test scores are not necessary for consideration.
- Expedite application review for students from York Catholic. Applicants can generally expect an admissions decision within three to four weeks from the time their application portfolios are complete.

York Catholic will:

- Promote this program to juniors and seniors.
- Allow Mercyhurst University representatives to visit York Catholic annually for the purpose of meeting with students who have expressed an interest in Mercyhurst University. Visits will be coordinated through the guidance office of York Catholic.
- Display Mercyhurst University collateral, including posters, pennants, and brochures, in the guidance office or in other locations where college information is publicly available.

#### **GUARANTEED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Students applying to Mercyhurst University main campus (where four-year bachelor's degree programs are offered) will be automatically considered for academic and merit-based aid during the application review program. Provided that students meet the minimum criteria outlined above, students will receive an academic scholarship of at least \$20,000 per year. In addition, in recognition of this partnership, students from York Catholic will also receive an additional \$1,000 Diocese of Erie Scholarship. Both scholarships are fully renewable for four years of continuous study provided the student makes satisfactory academic progress and achieves the minimum GPA established for their scholarship program.

#### **MUTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This agreement is effective for students seeking admission to Mercyhurst University for Fall 2023 and thereafter. This memorandum of understanding may be reviewed, revised, or terminated at any time and for any or no reason by the principal of York Catholic or the administration of Mercyhurst University with 90 days written notice.

  
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 Mercyhurst University

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