



Baumer Scholarship Criteria

Ned Baumer '61 and Dick Baumer '63 were commissioned via ROTC – Ned as a Naval Aviator and Dick as an Army Infantry officer. They served for a combined 57 years of active and reserve duty during their service. Their family tradition of “citizen-soldiers” was to serve on active duty early to give back to their country and then continue their service in the military reserve to mentor the next generation of young Americans serving in the military.

With this aim, they created the Baumer Scholarship. This \$7,500 scholarship is awarded to one student each year who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and potential as indicated through honors placement, junior high GPA, response to an essay prompt, recommendations from their current school, and familial military affiliation.

Once at La Salle, recipients will be expected to participate in the “Support Our Troops” Club. This is a merit-based award; families do not need to apply for financial aid in order to apply for the Baumer Scholarship.

In order to be considered, applicants must:

1. Apply for admission to La Salle College Preparatory;
2. Submit a Baumer Scholarship Interest Form;
3. Take the Placement Test at La Salle on the testing date offered;
4. Have the equivalent of a 3.5 GPA average or higher in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades;
5. Submit two letters of recommendation from their English and Math teachers outlining their academic achievements, interests, and potential;
6. Successfully complete a parent and student interview;
7. Submit a 250-word statement describing how a "citizen-soldier" has shaped their values;
AND
8. Have a parent who is actively serving **or** a parent/grandparent who is an honorably discharged veteran of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, or the Reserve or National Guard of any of these services
 - a. Proof of eligibility will be a Military ID card/Common Access Card or, for veterans, a Form DD214.

Important Dates for Applicants

January 12, 2024	Baumer Scholarship Interest Form due
January 20, 2024	Take the Placement Test at La Salle College Preparatory
February 2, 2024	Letter of Recommendation from teachers due
March 1, 2024	Notification sent to awardees with acceptance letters