



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SFDS SUNSHINE FUND

The Sunshine Fund is a pool of donated volunteer hours, intended to be re-gifted to those families in need of extra help. The Fund is generated from extra hours volunteered by school families in the applicable school year, so we encourage all families to continue tracking and reporting their hours, even if they have already met the minimum requirement for that year. All hours a family earns over the minimum 30 hours will automatically go into the Fund.

If you are a school family who finds yourself in need of extra help, you may submit an application for review by the SFdS Home and School Association (HSA). For instance, if you have been affected by a family illness; change or loss of a job; financial hardship; extraordinary and unexpected circumstances; or other hardships.

The deadline to apply for assistance from the Sunshine Fund is April 1st of the applicable school year. Applications can be found on the HSA [Webpage](#). All requests will remain private and confidential. Applications are evaluated on a case by case basis by the review panel designated by the HSA, consisting of HSA officers and/or school administrators. Final decisions will be made and communicated to applicants, by the HSA no later than May 1st. If your application is denied, you may request a second review by emailing the HSA President at hsapresident@sfdscs.org.

The HSA will work with all applicants to evaluate alternative ways in which applicants may be able to complete at least a portion of the required hours. Suggestions for at home volunteer ideas may be offered prior to Sunshine Fund hours being approved.

If you have any further questions or concerns, you may contact the HSA Volunteer Coordinator at volunteerco@sfdscs.org.