<u>Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program for</u> <u>Families with Children Attending Catholic Schools</u> <u>2021-2022 School Year</u>

General Information

Tuition assistance is awarded each year to families with children in our Catholic schools in grades K-12. Awards are made based on financial need.

How is the determination made?

In order to ensure a fair and impartial analysis, application is made through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment, our 3rd party provider.

Information contained in the application along with the supporting materials is used to determine financial need. The formula utilized has been especially designed for families with children attending Catholic school. This calculation is based on a moderate standard of living for the geographic area of the applicant, further ensuring a realistic result. This formula determines the ability of a family to pay for private education. FACTS includes a comprehensive review and verification process ensuring the accuracy of the data.

Award Amount Families who apply can receive up to one-half of the school's in-parish tuition rate.

How to apply (One application per family)

- Application will be available online after November 1, 2020. Current Saint Ann School families should apply through their FACTS accounts. New families can apply at https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3KLJ4.
- The application fee is \$35, and it is due at the time the application is submitted. Forms of payment include debit cards, major credit cards, or an electronic check.
- Online applications are available in English and Spanish. To select Spanish, simply click on the link in the upper right-hand corner of the screen before you log in.
- Submit the necessary supporting documentation.
- For Grades K-8: To be considered in Round 1, applications must be complete **by February 15**, **2021.** The deadline for Round 2 is **May 17**, **2021**. Submission of the application must include all supporting documents **before** the deadline to be eligible for consideration.
- The online application is very user friendly.
- FACTS Customer Care Representatives are available to assist you at 866-441-4637.

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Grades K-8

Applications completed by February 15, 2021 will be evaluated in Round 1. Typically, applications in the first round are submitted by existing school families or new families who register during Catholic Schools Week or in advance of February 15th. Applicants who did not receive tuition assistance in Round 1 will be automatically reconsidered in Round 2.

All applications must be complete, containing all supporting tax documentation. Supporting documentation may be uploaded online or faxed to 866-315-9264.

- Applications completed by May 17, 2021 will be evaluated in Round 2. This is the final opportunity to apply for diocesan financial aid. Typically, applications in the second round are submitted by families who register late, regardless of whether they are new or existing families. All applications must be complete, containing all supporting tax documentation. Supporting documentation may be uploaded online or faxed to 866-315-9264.
- For Round 1 tax forms from 2019 will be accepted. W2s must be from 2020.
 For Round 2 tax forms and W2s must both be from 2020.
 If you are unable to supply these tax forms you can contact Marissa Marcille to request this requirement be waived.
- It is recommended that families submit the application as soon as possible.
- Families will be notified by email whether or not an award is granted. When this notification is received the parent should contact the school.
 - o If an award is received, contact the school to work out adjusted tuition payments;
 - o If you are denied Diocesan Tuition Assistance, you may contact your school and inquire if any funds are available directly from the school.

Contact information:

- FACTS Customer Care Representative: 866-441-4637
- Diocesan Contact: Marissa Marcille, Coordinator of Finances for Catholic Education, 609-403-7163, mmarci@dioceseoftrenton.org or
- Saint Ann School: Karen Meagher, 609-882-8077, ext 214.