

St. Peter in Chains Parish
Parish Tuition Subsidy and Tuition Payment Policy
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Parish Subsidy Tuition Policy

St. Peter in Chains Parish in Hamilton, Ohio will offer a tuition subsidy grant to registered families whose children attend St. Peter in Chains Catholic School and who meet the following criteria.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is expected that a family seeking a Catholic School Tuition Subsidy Grant will support the life of St. Peter in Chains Parish through good stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and by participating as much as is possible in the total life of the parish—spiritually, liturgically, ministerially, and socially. Our greatest treasure is Word and Sacrament, and our most important time is our time together. All of our talents are to be used to give glory and praise to God; therefore, the most important statement of membership is active attendance and participation in Sunday worship. The regular use of offering envelopes, regardless of the amount, is testimony of attendance and a statement to us that you are with us in our parish mission.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in Sunday worship and volunteering time and talent in liturgical ministry is also appreciated. Community involvement by participating as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, leader of Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) leader, Usher, Sacristan, or member of the music ministry are welcome contributions to parish life. Catechetical/devotional participation in Bible study, parish faith formation programs, etc. is also considered participation in parish life.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fulfillment of these responsibilities during the current school year is used as the criteria for eligibility for the parish discount for the next school year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families who are newly registered at St. Peter in Chains Parish will be charged the out-of-parish rate for the first trimester of the school year. At the end of the first trimester a review of your eligibility status for the Tuition Subsidy Grant will be completed. If the family is eligible the tuition rate will be adjusted to the discounted parish rate for the second and third trimester.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families who are newly registered at St. Peter in Chains Parish who had been actively involved in their previous parish may submit a letter from the pastor of their former parish stating their involvement at that parish. This letter should be mailed to the pastor of St. Peter in Chains Parish. Families should then call to schedule an appointment with the pastor to discuss their eligibility for the discounted parish member rate for the entire school year
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in parish fundraising efforts is important to the continued support of Catholic Education.

Any family that is unwilling to meet any of the basic conditions will be defined as ineligible for a tuition subsidy grant and will be charged the full tuition rate.

Tuition Payment Policy

St. Peter in Chains School

St. Peter in Chains will continue to use FACTS tuition management system for payment processing. You can create your FACTS account by visiting <https://online.factsmtg.com/SignIn.aspx> and searching by zip code for St. Peter in Chains School. The school office will send letters with instructions regarding how to set up your FACTS account for the upcoming school year.

If you need to change a payment date or a payment is late, it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to notify the business manager of the problem and to work out a payment schedule. Failure to pay will result in withholding of report cards and/or transfer of records and loss of class placement for the next school year.

If a student is withdrawn from school, the family is responsible for the entire tuition and fees through the end of the trimester in which the child was withdrawn.

1. Additional Financial Aid Programs

A. Archdiocese of Cincinnati -One Faith One Hope Campaign Tuition Assistance

This tuition assistance awards began with the 2017-2018 school year. We are notified in late fall if this assistance will continue for the 23-24 school year. Normally, applications will be accepted beginning in January of the school year. All families are eligible to apply. Applications are through FACTS Tuition Management Company. Visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more information.

B. Ohio EdChoice program

State funded financial grant/aid is available to families with qualifying income and families whose children would ordinarily attend a school currently listed as underperforming by the Ohio Department of Education. If you would like more information about this tuition assistance program, please contact the school office.

C. St. Peter in Chains Parish Tuition Aid

A limited amount of financial tuition assistance is available each year on the basis of financial need. Applications for needs based-financial assistance must be submitted through FACTS tuition management system.

Tuition Aid forms will be handled by using the **FACTS** system. Since this is the same system used by both Badin High School and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's One Faith One Hope Tuition Assistance Program, only one FACTS application is needed, even if students are attending multiple schools within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. (e.g. St. Peter in Chains and Badin High School). Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Early completion of this application is encouraged to ensure your application is reviewed for the Archdiocese award program. Applicants can apply online by clicking the FACTS link at www.stpeterinchains.org. Should the FACTS fee be a problem for your family, please contact Elizabeth Moran, parish business manager, at 863-3938. Do not let this fee keep you from applying for aid.