

Catholic Schools Office

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2020-2021 School Year

Diocesan Catholic Schools System Tuition Assistance Fund

Policies and Procedures

The following Diocesan Catholic Schools participate in the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment financial aid application process for grades K-12:

St. Aloysius Catholic School, Gilbertville
St. Bernard Elementary, Fitchburg
St. Bernard's High School, Fitchburg
Holy Family Academy, Gardner
St. Anna Elementary, Leominster
St. Leo Elementary, Leominster
Assumption Elementary, Millbury
St. Bernadette Elementary, Northborough
St. Mary Elementary, Shrewsbury
Trinity Catholic Academy, Southbridge
Our Lady of the Valley Regional, Uxbridge
All Saints Academy, Webster
St. Joseph Elementary, Webster
Our Lady of the Angels Elementary, Worcester
St. Mary's Schools, Worcester
Saint Paul Diocesan Jr. Sr. High School, Worcester
St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, Worcester
St. Stephen Elementary, Worcester
Venerini Academy, Worcester

This fund is used to allocate financial assistance to income eligible families based on the assessment of financial need from FACTS Grant & Aid and the availability of funding provided and available for disbursement. Students in grades K-12 are eligible for these limited grants. International and pre-kindergarten students are not eligible to apply for or to receive awards from any Diocesan financial aid/scholarship program.

Please note the following important information:

If you choose to apply for financial aid for your child, Please follow the instructions that were included in your child's acceptance packet from the school to complete and submit a FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment application.

Please refer to your child's school policies regarding their application, acceptance, registration, tuition, and financial aid process and website information.

All students must be registered to attend one of the participating Diocesan Catholic Schools prior to the deadline date of Friday, March 27, 2020 to qualify, including students that have been placed on a school's waiting list.

The application fee is \$35.00 for all applicants. However, parents that have children attending Saint Paul Diocesan Jr. Sr. High School or St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School and a Diocesan Parish and/or Regional School, need to select the Saint Paul or St. Peter student first and, therefore, will not have to submit the \$35.00 application fee. Parents must use their login information (username and password) for the Saint Paul or St. Peter student and add and select those schools first. Only one application per family needs to be filed, no matter how many Diocesan Schools your children attend. All registered students must be listed on one application.

The deadline for submitting an application for financial aid is on or before Friday, March 27, 2020. Applications are processed through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. All required supporting documentation must be submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment in order to verify your application status on or before Friday, April 10, 2020. Please follow their (FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment) instructions regarding required supporting documentation that is needed by them in order to verify your application. This process may take up to two weeks upon receipt of your necessary documents. Your application must be verified on or before Friday, April 10, 2020 in order to qualify for Diocesan Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance.

Applications and changes submitted on or after March 28, 2020 will not be processed or considered for Diocesan Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance. This deadline will be strictly adhered to.

Award and denial notifications will be emailed to parents during the week of April 20, 2020.

NEED HELP?

FACTS-Parents Customer Service for all tuition and financial aid application concerns: 1-866-441-4637

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment's fax number to provide supporting documentation (FACTS suggests you obtain a confirmation that your fax was received by them): 1-866-315-9264

Student's Withdrawal from a Participating School:

For any student that withdraws on or before August 31, 2020, from one of the listed participating schools, the student's award will be rescinded and returned to the fund for reallocation by the Director of Student Financial Services.

Student's Transfer from one Participating School to another Participating School:

For any student that transfers from one participating school to another after August 31, 2020, the student's award will be re-calculated based upon the tuition amount of the new school. If the tuition at the new school is greater, no increase of the award will be granted.

For any student that transfers to another participating school after September 1, 2020, the school that the student is leaving will retain a portion of the student's award. The amount to be retained by the school the student is leaving will be determined by the date of transfer. Any part of a month in attendance will be counted as a full month when determining the amount the school will retain. Monthly payments are based upon a ten month school year of September through June. The balance will transfer to the new school.

This financial aid award will not transfer unless the Director of Student Financial Services is notified in writing of the student's transfer by both principals of the participating schools.