



PARENT INFORMATION LETTER

2017-2018 School Year

ANNUAL TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Effective immediately, the Archdiocese of Detroit will be contracting with FACTS Management, a third-party contractor, to process the 2017-2018 Tuition Assistance applications for families who wish to apply for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Grant. It is important to note that the independent contracts and other services that FACTS Management provides are separate from the Archdiocesan Tuition Scholarship which is funded by the Stewards for Tomorrow Campaign and the Archdiocesan Endowment.

What is the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program?

As a result of the Stewards for Tomorrow Campaign and the establishment of the Archdiocesan Endowment, the Archdiocese of Detroit extends tuition assistance grants to **Catholic** families with children in grades K-12 attending Catholic Schools.

New Awarding Amounts

Note: All awards are based on the calculated financial need which is established by the financial documentation that each applicant is requested to submit, as well as employment, number of children and ability to pay. These are the primary factors used to determine need. This year, the award amounts will fall into one of the following tiers:

- Tier I - \$1100.00
- Tier II: \$ 950.00
- Tier III: \$ 800.00

This new process allows for greater assistance based on need. It's imperative that you have the application and all supporting documents in by the deadline date of April 7, 2017.

Frequently Asked Questions

Must financial need be demonstrated?

Financial need must be demonstrated. FACTS Student Grant & Aid Form must be completed by each family applying, and submitted through an on-line application process. Receiving an award in previous years does not guarantee an award for the current year.

How do I apply?

Applications can only be completed online. The FACTS Student Grant & Aid link should be on your school's webpage. It will also be available on the Archdiocesan website by going to [aod.org/Catholic Schools/Tuition Assistance](http://aod.org/Catholic%20Schools/Tuition%20Assistance). Look for the FACTS Grant & Aid link. There is a \$24.00 on-line application fee. Please follow the payment instructions indicated on the application.

Is the Pastor's Signature Form Mandatory for the AOD Grant?

Yes, the pastor's signature form is mandatory. The Pastor Signature Form is also available on line and must be uploaded with the application as verification that the family is an active parishioner at his/her parish. The pastor or associate pastor will be required to sign the application for all applicants who applied from his parish. A name stamp may be used as well. If the pastor does not verify that you are an active parishioner by his signature/stamped signature, your application cannot be processed under the requirement of the Archdiocese Grant guidelines.

Do some schools have independent contracts with FACTS?

Yes, some schools have independent contracts with FACTS. Independent school contracts may have different guidelines, deadlines, and required fees to qualify. Check with your school for details. Schools that have contract with FACTS for services may already have the FACTS application on its website. Schools who are not using FACTS services will receive the application link and all supporting documents in order to complete the application process. It is important to note that although some may have the application available before others; it does not influence the order of awarding grants.

WHAT IS THE TIME-TABLE FOR 2017-2018?

On or before Jan. 30	Application link available at the school.
April 7	DEADLINE for on-line applications
On or before May 30	Award Status Notification will be sent to applicant's email. If you do not have an email, you do not need to call the office, another source of notification will be used.
September 15	Schools will receive a Tuition Assistance Grant report to complete and return to the Office of Catholic Schools for processing checks and making sure all information is valid.

Additional Information:

- Complete only one application per family regardless of the number of school children or where they attend school. Please make sure all eligible student names are included on the application. You may use an additional sheet if needed.
- More than one child in a family may receive a grant.
- FACTS Management is the sole evaluator for the Student Aid Form process.
- The receipt of other financial assistance such as parish, vicariate or Catholic school scholarships/grants, does not exclude the awarding of an Archdiocesan grant.
- All **Catholic families** in the Archdiocese of Detroit are eligible for the grant providing the child(ren) meet the above criteria and are enrolled in a Catholic school for the current school year.

Regarding Late Applications:

- Families who submit their applications late may encounter the risk of not having their child's name listed on the school report and not having the opportunity to be considered for the grant.
- Applications that are late must have authorization by the Archdiocese before the application can be processed.

The official title of the tuition grant is “Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Grant”. **Private School Aid Services (PSAS) is officially closed.** FACTS Management is the new third party contractor that processes the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Grant applications. Questions regarding the filling out and completion of the on-line application should be directed to FACTS Management at (866) 441-4637. General questions regarding the Tuition Assistance process can be answered, in some cases, by calling the recorded voice message at (313) 237-5767. If you wish to speak with the Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Coordinator, please call Angela R. Naylor at (313) 237-5775.

Due to the volume of calls during this time, we request that all inquiries be emailed to Naylor.angie@aod.org. If you are not able to email, please allow up to 24 hours to have your call returned.

