

Saint Mary Catholic School Grant and Scholarship Information



“Catholic education gives soul to our globalized world and radiates the promise of Christian salvation. Students educated in a Christian way for dialogue, will come out of the classroom motivated to build bridges and, therefore, to find new answers to the many challenges of our times. “

~ His Holiness Pope Francis

Saint Mary Catholic School is committed to making a Catholic education affordable. There are numerous grant and scholarship possibilities. It is our hope that these tuition assistance options will enable any parent to choose a Catholic education for their child(ren).

Important information and steps to take when applying for a Grant/Scholarship:

***Read the requirements for eligibility before applying for grant/scholarship.**

*** Include the required documents.**

*** Be aware of deadlines.**

*** Apply first to FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment Online when applicable.**

*** Apply for all grants that you are eligible to receive.**

- **FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment**

In order to receive financial assistance, you must submit your financial information to FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment which will determine if there is a need based on the information you provide (not necessary for the Step Up For Students Scholarship, Family Empowerment Scholarship, AAA Scholarship, Gardiner Scholarship or McKay Scholarship.) Applications must be submitted online at: www.factstuitionaid.com

Current tax information is required to apply for financial assistance. After completing the online application, you will need to mail or fax the supporting documentation.

- **Kremer Grant**

Apply online @ www.factstuitionaid.com by **April 15, 2020**. Income must not exceed the Federal Food Program Maximum Family Income for reduced priced meals.

- **James Murtha Memorial Scholarship**

The Murtha Scholarship is for Military Families who desire a Catholic Education for their children. Apply online @ www.factstuitionaid.com Application Deadline April 15, 2020

- **Gardiner Scholarship**

Students need an IEP written in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education or with the rules of another state OR the diagnosis of a Florida physician or psychologist or a physician who holds an active license issued by another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Apply online @ www.Stepupforstudents.org

- **Step Up For Students (Corporate Tax Scholarship)**

Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 on or before Sept. 1. Students entering first grade must be 6 on or before Sept.1. If a member of the household receives SNAP (food stamps), TANF, or FDPIR, the student may qualify. If the household income qualifies for free or reduce-priced lunch, the student may qualify. If the household income is at/or below the income criteria. The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship income level will serve students in households at \$66,950 or below. Priority will be given to students whose incomes are below \$46,637. Step Up For Students Scholarship must be completed online @ www.stepupforstudents.org

- **Family Empowerment Scholarship**

The student's household income level does not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level (\$77,250 for a family of four) or the student is on the direct certification list (list of children who qualify for the food assistance program, the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program, or the Food Distribution on Indian Reservations program), or the student is currently placed, or during the previous state fiscal year was placed, in foster care or in out-of-home care as defined in s. 39.01. The student is eligible to enroll in kindergarten or has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Florida public school. Family Empowerment Scholarship must be completed online @ www.stepupforstudents.org

- **AAA Scholarship**

Income based scholarship. Apply online @ www.aascholarships.org

- **McKay Scholarship**

For students with an IEP or 504 Plan. Apply online @ www.fldoe.org

- **Catholic Parish Grant**

To receive this grant, we ask that families be a contributing member of a parish. To be a contributing member of a parish is to give back to God by sharing your gifts with your parish in the form of sharing your time, talents, and treasures, and by completing a stewardship card. Application forms are available at your parish office after February 15, 2020.

**School Year 2020-2021
Catholic Parish Grant Tuition Rate:**

- 1 Child \$ 5,600
- 2 Children \$ 10,190
- 3 Children \$ 14,444
- 4 Children \$ 18,586

If you have any questions concerning grants or contact the school office.

