

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Saint Agnes School has several sources of financial aid arising at the diocesan level and at the parish level.

DIOCESAN FUNDS:

Bishop Loverde, himself, has raised funds to be used for Catholic education at diocesan elementary schools and high schools. When bishop has asked the pastors and other priests to support Catholic education, he does himself what he asks us to do.

Parish assessment. Each parish of the Arlington Diocese, whether it has a school or not, is assessed for funds to be used for tuition assistance for Catholic education. These funds are distributed by the *Diocesan Tuition Grant Program*, based on need.

PARISH FUNDS:

Endowment: St. Agnes Parish has an endowment fund that consists of donations and gifts. Money from the interest of the endowment fund, is used to support the school. Currently, these funds are used for financial aid to families. This endowment is a part of the *Arlington Diocese Educational Fund (ADEF)*.

One-time gifts: Consider giving the gift of one year's full tuition or a partial tuition.

Golf Tournament: The proceeds of the parish and school Golf Tournament are used partly for financial aid and partly to go towards the school endowment.

Potential Donors: Could you be a donor to support financial aid for Saint Agnes School. Remember that no gift is too small.

DIocese of ARLINGTON OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DIOCESAN TUITION GRANT PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

The Diocesan Tuition Grant Program is intended to provide assistance to families seeking a Catholic education in the Arlington diocesan schools. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition. The program receives approximately \$2.3 million annually from the parishes in the Diocese and from the *Rooted in Faith~Forward in Hope* endowment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Diocesan Tuition Grant Program eligibility requires that students in grades Kindergarten through grade 12 (*Pre-K is not eligible*) fulfill all of the following criteria:

- Student attends or is accepted by a Diocesan Catholic school
 - *Students of private Catholic schools associated with the Diocese or international students are not*

eligible.

- Student is a Catholic, member of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or a military base parish
- Family resides within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington
- Family is a registered and active member of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or a military base parish

HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY?

All families requesting assistance must submit an application along with the processing fee and all supporting documentation to FACTS by the deadline listed below in order to be considered for an award through the Diocesan Tuition Grant Program. FACTS is an independent assessment company contracted by the Diocese of Arlington to provide confidential and objective economic analyses to determine families' financial need for tuition assistance. Paper applications are distributed through individual schools or an application may be completed electronically online at www.factstuitionaid.com. Only one application is required per family. Please be sure to answer all questions and submit all supporting documentation requested in the instructions. The deadlines for submitting an application with supporting documentation are as follows:

DEADLINES: High Schools (*See Note*) • January 23, 2012
Elementary Schools • March 19, 2012

NOTE: All families with children enrolled in both high school and elementary school will need to submit an application by the high school deadline.

Diocesan Tuition Grant Program awards are made for one academic year. Returning students' families must complete a new application for each year that the students enroll. Applications must be completed on time and all supporting documentation submitted in order for consideration. Late applications will be handled as they arrive and as funds allow. Only complete applications will be considered.

HOW MUCH IS AWARDED?

Awards are made for one academic year and are based on each family's demonstrated financial need. Individual schools make the determination on the amount and distribution of all awards for each academic year. The schools will contact families when award decisions have been made. Once these final award decisions have been made, the Office of Catholic Schools directs the funds from the Diocesan Tuition Grant Program to the schools for credit to the tuition accounts of approved families.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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