



DIOCESE OF WORCESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

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2021-2022 School Year

Diocesan Catholic Schools System Tuition Assistance Fund Policies and Procedures

Your child's school participates in the Diocesan Catholic Schools System Tuition Assistance Fund. 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:

<p>Application Submission deadline is:</p> <p>Monday, March 1, 2021</p>

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

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 prior to the deadline date of Monday, March 1, 2021 to qualify, including students that have been placed on a school's waiting list.

The application fee is \$35.00 for all applicants. 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. All required supporting documentation must be submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment and not to the school or the Catholic Schools Office, in order to verify (complete) your application status. 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 submitted application must be verified (complete) by Monday, March 15, 2021 in order to qualify for Diocesan Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance.

Applications and changes submitted on or after Tuesday, March 2, 2021 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 12, 2021.

Need Assistance???

FACTS-Parents Customer Service for all tuition and financial aid application concerns:

1-866-441-4637

Student's Withdrawal from a Participating School:

For any student that withdraws on or before on or before August 31, 2021, the student's award will be rescinded and returned to the fund for reallocation by the Committee and 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 on or after September 1, 2021, the student's award will be re-calculated based upon the tuition rate of the new school. If the tuition rate at the new school is greater, no increase of the award will be granted. For any student that transfers to another participating school on or after September 1, 2021, 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. 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.