

# Tuition Assistance

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Many families make great sacrifices to send their children to Catholic school. For some families, however, the financial stretch makes the choice difficult. For families unable to afford the entire cost of a Catholic school education, help is available through the Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship Program, which was established to provide financial support to aid low- and moderate-income families.

## **Important Information about the 2017-2018 program:**

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment (FGAA) has been selected to conduct the financial need analysis for the Diocese of Metuchen. FGAA is an online application process.

**Beginning January 30, 2017, applicants may apply online by going to <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.**

Applicants have the choice of an English or Spanish online form. Applications and all required supporting documentation must be submitted to FGAA by **March 31, 2017**. The application fee is \$30 and must be paid online at the time you submit your application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

Because this process may be unfamiliar to our families and schools, and because some families may not have easy access to the technology needed to complete the online application, the diocese and several of our partner schools are offering FACTS Online Application Workshops throughout the months of February and March. Staff and FACTS representatives will be on-hand to walk through the application process and scan or fax required documents to FGAA. Families must register to attend. Please note that space is limited.

The dates and locations of these workshops are listed on the Workshop Registration link and Eligibility Requirements & Application Instructions form below. Workshops that will have Spanish-speaking staff on-hand are marked.

## **[WORKSHOP REGISTRATION - CLICK HERE](#)**

### **PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- The deadline for submission of applications and ALL supporting documents to FGAA is **March 31, 2017** (the link will be deactivated on April 3). No applications will be accepted by mail.
- Eligibility Requirements and general instructions are listed on the Eligibility Requirements & Instructions Sheet.
- **Every application requires a signed Pastor Signature Form** from the Pastor of the Diocese of Metuchen Parish in which you are registered. For specific instructions see the [Application Instructions Form \(Instructions in Spanish\)](#) and [Required Pastor Signature Form](#).

### **FAQ:**

#### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Catholic students attending eligible schools and registered in eligible parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen. Find a list of [eligible schools](#) and [eligible parishes](#) here.

**When do I apply?**

Online application forms are available at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> beginning January 30, 2017.

**Is there a deadline?**

Yes. Online applications must be submitted, along with all necessary required documents, by March 31. The application process requires the submission of your 2015 1040 Federal Tax Return and 2016 W2's.

Jan. 30	Application Period opens - application available at: <a href="https://online.factsmgt.com/aid">https://online.factsmgt.com/aid</a>
Jan. 30 – March 31	Applications completed and submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment
March 31	Deadline to submit applications and supporting documents
April - May	Application processing period
May	Family/School notification of grant award decisions

**2017 Important Dates**

*\*Note: You may check the status of your application by logging on to the FGAA account you created when you opened your application. All notifications to families and schools will be via email.*

**How are Scholarship awards determined?**

FCE Scholarships are determined based on an analysis of each family's financial need. All students are need-ranked as a group and the available funds from the FCE are distributed as a percent of the need beginning with the applicants most in need and continuing until all available funds are exhausted.

**When will I know if my family will receive an FCE Scholarship?**

All families will receive an email notification on or about the end of May, and no later than the beginning of June.

**What if I need to speak with someone?**

If you have a question regarding your online application or status of your application, please contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at (866) 441-4637. If you have a general question regarding the FCE Scholarship Program, please contact the Tuition Assistance Hotline at (732) 562-1990 ext. 1610. We strive to return all calls within 48 hours.

**Catholic vs. non-Catholic rates**

Each school sets its own tuition and fee schedules. Since all parishes provide a financial subsidy to all schools in our diocese, parish schools generally set different tuition rates for Catholic students and non-Catholic students. Please check with the school you are interested in for specific rates.