

St. James Catholic School offers the following scholarship and tuition assistance opportunities to those who qualify.

1. FACTS Grant & Aid

- For St. James Catholic Church Parishioners only.
- All families who apply **MUST** be enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **DEADLINE TO APPLY:** Complete and submit application and all supporting documents by Thursday, April 2, 2026.

2. Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund

- This is a needs-based scholarship
- Students do **NOT** have to be Catholic to receive the scholarship.
- All current students in PK4 through 5th grade who are currently registered for Kindergarten through 6th grade for the 2026-2027 school year are eligible to apply.
- **DEADLINE TO APPLY:** All applications must be received in the school office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made for this requirement, for any reason.

3. ACE Mississippi Scholarship

- This is a needs-based scholarship awarded to students in Kindergarten through 6th grade.
- Students do **NOT** have to be Catholic to receive the scholarship.
- **DEADLINE TO APPLY:** Through April 15th, at 11:59 p.m.

4. Ann Edwards Scholarship Endowment

- This is a needs-based scholarship
- Students do **NOT** have to be Catholic to receive the scholarship.
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- **DEADLINE TO APPLY:** All applications must be received in the school office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made for this requirement, for any reason.

Detailed information for each scholarship opportunity is attached and is also posted on the school's website at www.stjamesgulfport.com.

FACTS GRANT AND AID APPLICATION INFORMATION **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

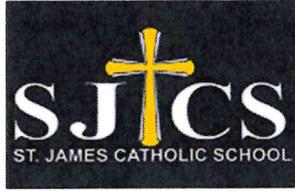
Registered members of St. James Catholic Church are eligible to apply for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant & Aid.

Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by Thursday, April 2, 2026. All families who apply **MUST** be enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year. Applicants need to apply online by clicking the FACTS Grant & Aid Application link on the school web page. Once an online application has been completed, the following information will need to be sent to FACTS to finalize the application process:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.
- Copies of your 2025 W-2 forms for both you and your spouse.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

All supporting documentation can be uploaded in pdf format online.

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866-441-4637.



Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in 2018, the Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund awards a scholarship(s) in honor of Nola Lambing, David Lindh, and Philip Mayer for their generosity and support of Catholic Education at St. James Catholic School. The scholarship(s) are awarded each spring for use during the next immediate school year.

All current students in PK4 through Grade 5 and students currently registered for Kindergarten through Grade 6 for the 2026-2027 school year are eligible to apply for the scholarship(s) awarded by The Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship(s) is a **Needs Based Scholarship(s)**, and it will be awarded to a student(s) demonstrating satisfactory academic and behavioral performances. A student **does not** have to be Catholic to receive the scholarship. The **Needs Based** qualifications will be determined by the “Essay” section of the scholarship application below.

The scholarship(s) awarded by the Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund is a **1-Year scholarship(s)**. Recipients of a scholarship are eligible to reapply for a scholarship in subsequent school years. Depending on the funds available each year, the scholarship(s) may be a partial scholarship(s) or a full scholarship(s). All information obtained via this application is confidential and will be secured by St. James Catholic School to assure future confidentiality. Furthermore, the information obtained via this application will only be used to determine the scholarship award recipient(s) from the Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Applicant Information

Applicant's Name:

Grade for 2026/2027 School Year:

Name of Applicant's Father:

Name of Applicant's Mother:

Name of Applicant's Legal Guardian:

Phone # for Applicant's Father, Mother, or Legal Guardian:

E-Mail Address for Applicant's Father, Legal Guardian, or Mother:

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APPLICATION OPEN NOW THROUGH APRIL 15, 2026

→ WHO WE ARE

Our vision is that every child has access to a quality education. Since 2023, ACE has provided 1,013 scholarships to children from lower-income families totaling \$3,214,468 and teamed up with approximately 50 partner schools across the state.

→ WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to advance K- 12 educational freedom, with a focus on securing financial support for families so they may access the quality education of their choice.

→ QUALIFICATIONS FOR STUDENTS

ACE scholarships are based solely on the family's total income both taxable (line 9 on the 1040 for those who file) and nontaxable. See the chart below for ACE Scholarships' financial eligibility breakdown by household size.

ACE SCHOLARSHIPS - FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

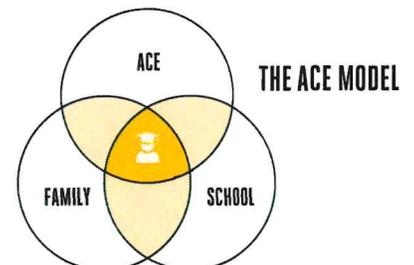
Persons in Family/Household	2026 Poverty Guideline	ACE Maximum Qualifying Income: 350%
2	\$21,640	\$75,740
3	\$27,320	\$95,620
4	\$33,000	\$115,500
5	\$38,680	\$135,380
6	\$44,360	\$155,260
7	\$50,040	\$175,140
8	\$55,720	\$195,020
9	\$61,400	\$214,900
10	\$67,080	\$234,780

For families/households with more than 10 persons, add \$5,680 for each additional person.

Figures posted by US Department of Health and Human Services at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

→ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS

ACE scholarships are partial tuition, intended to provide the added assistance lower-income families may need to enroll their child in a private school. Standard ACE award amounts are \$3,000 for K-8 and \$4,000 for high school (9-12). Awards are capped at 50% of the school's listed annual tuition. Families are responsible for working out a payment plan with the school for the remainder of the tuition.



→ PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

A wide variety of private schools participate in the ACE scholarships program. It is up to the families of potential scholarship recipients to determine the school that is the best fit for their child.

→ AN ACE SCHOLARSHIP CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILD

If your child is awarded a scholarship, those funds are portable if transferred before funds are sent to the school and may be used at any ACE partner private school. So, if the private school you select ends up not being the right fit, you can transfer your child to another private school, and the scholarship goes with them.

→ APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application for an ACE scholarship is completed online at <https://portal.acescholarships.org/ace>

Families of students provided a scholarship the prior year will be charged a \$10 fee per application whereas applicants who do not have a student receiving a scholarship in the prior year will be charged a \$25 fee. The application will be open now through Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm (in the time zone the school resides).

FOR FAMILIES NEW TO THE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

1. Identify the right ACE partner private school for your child. Complete the school's application and enrollment process for your child.
2. Confirm that you qualify for a scholarship based on the financial guidelines listed in the chart provided. Complete the ACE Scholarships application for your student(s). You must complete an application for ACE Scholarships separate from your school application.
3. Answer all application questions, attach required documentation, and submit. You may begin an application and save and return at any time. Applications must be complete and submitted before the April 15 deadline for the students to be considered for awarding.
4. Please visit our Help Center at <https://portal.acescholarships.org/help> which provides answers to over 90% of commonly asked questions. You can also call (985) 800-3950 or email support@acescholarships.org to access help from our support team.

FOR FAMILIES WITH A STUDENT CURRENTLY RECEIVING AN ACE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Complete the school's application and enrollment process for your child.
2. Complete the ACE Scholarships application for your student(s). You must complete an application for ACE Scholarships separate from your school application, but returning families **do not** need to requalify based on income. Simply answer all application questions, verify your information is correct, and submit. You may begin an application and save and return to your progress at any time, but applications must be complete and submitted before the April 15 deadline for the students listed on the application to be considered for awarding.
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