



Dear Families:

Thank you for your partnership and commitment during these challenging times. While this year has looked a little different, we are able to fulfill our promise to help our students achieve their God-given potential because of you. To see what has been accomplished in a year like no other has been inspiring and reminds us every day of our calling to serve you and your family.

Each year, we renew our commitment to excellence both academically and spiritually. This commitment and our focus on innovation has garnered attention from more families than ever before. As a result, many of our schools have waitlists in particular grades. Therefore, we are offering our current families the opportunity to register first. Please pay particular attention to the deadlines below to guarantee your seat.

We are now beginning the **online** registration process for the 2021-2022 school year.

2021-2022 Registration Details are as follows:

- You will receive separate emails for each child in our schools with a link and directions on completing the online registration. It should take less time than last year as much of the information will be pre-populated. It should take around 15-20 minutes to complete. Please watch your inbox for the email(s) from your principal. If you don't receive the email(s) by **February 1**, please let the school know.
- To guarantee your child's/children's seat(s), you must complete the online registration materials and submit them along with the **\$100 non-refundable registration fee by March 5, 2021**. You will receive an email invoice for the registration fee within a week of submitting your materials. After March 5, we will open the registration process to any families on waitlists.
- If your elementary school student will be continuing on to a diocesan high school, you must go online to [www.dioceseofscranton.org/](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/) to complete an application.
- To register, your account must be in good standing. Please refer to the **Tuition Policy** on our website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholicschools](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholicschools).
- In an effort to make our schools affordable, additional resources are being dedicated to financial assistance. We also have opportunities in each school to reduce tuition through SCRIP, referral of new families, events, etc. Please talk with your principal and see the enclosed information on Tuition Reduction Opportunities.

Your timely registration not only guarantees your family has access to one of the best educational experiences in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania, but also ensures we are prepared to offer the best educational experience for your student.

Please do not hesitate to call your school or the Catholic Schools Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason W.S. Morrison  
Secretary of Catholic Education/  
Chief Executive Officer

Kristen Donohue  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools



## Office of Catholic Schools

### **Tuition Assistance and Tuition Reduction Opportunities**

Making a high-quality Catholic Education affordable is important to us. Therefore, we have allocated additional funding to tuition assistance, and a different initial criteria will be used to expedite the process (**see questions 3 & 4**). Below you will find answers to frequently asked questions, and information on how to apply for aid. While the information relates primarily to tuition aid awards, please know that there are many other tuition reduction opportunities. The following are very effective ways to reduce your tuition:

- Numerous schools have SCRIP programs, which offer rebates for purchases made on a variety of gift cards. These rebates can be used to reduce your tuition.
- Some schools offer various ways to reduce tuition through fundraisers.
- By referring a family that enrolls, you can earn a \$500 tuition reduction. Please see Referral Flyer for details.

#### **1. Who should apply for financial assistance?**

We encourage all families who are unsure of their ability to pay the full tuition to apply for tuition assistance. Awards are based on financial need.

#### **2. How much will I receive?**

Using objective criteria, FACTS provides a calculated need for families, and then, the applications are ranked according to need within each school. Awards for families who qualify will mostly range between \$500-\$2,500.

#### **3. When is the application due? When will I be notified of my award?**

Applications are due no later than April 15, 2021. If your application is submitted and complete by April 15, 2021, you will be notified via e-mail of your award on or before May 31, 2021.

#### **4. How do I fill out the FACTS Grant & Aid application?**

The FACTS Grant & Aid applications can be found at: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholicschools>  
To simplify the process, this year, we will make an early award determination based on the following information:

- 2019 Tax Return
- 2020 W-2
- Copies of supporting documentation for income sources such as Social Security, child support, welfare, etc.
- Copies of a recent utility bill (gas, water, electric)
- To finalize the award you will need to submit your 2020 tax return no later than October 15, 2021. Failure to submit your 2020 tax return may result in either a change or cancellation of initial determination award letter.

#### **5. Are there any other opportunities to make tuition more affordable?**

Yes, if you do not initially receive an award, please call your School Principal to inquire if additional tuition assistance is available or the availability of any other tuition reduction programs.

#### **6. What is FACTS?**

FACTS is a third party service that handles all aspects of tuition management and the financial aid application and verification process.

#### **7. How is the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation funded?**

The primary funding sources which the *Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation* utilizes in offering tuition assistance to families:

- The EITC and OSTC programs are funded by local businesses that make a donation to the *Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation* through a tax credit program offered by the state of Pennsylvania.
- The *Academic Angel* program allows individuals to donate directly to the Scholarship Foundation.

# Refer A Family Earn Tuition Credit



## Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools New Family Referral Program

- You can Earn a \$500 tuition credit for each new family that attends a Diocese of Scranton Catholic School in 2021-22 and indicates using this form that you referred them.
  - Credits will be issued in Spring 2022.
- This form must be sent to the school when the family completes their online registration.

**For more information, please contact your Principal.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Referring Family \_\_\_\_\_

Their School \_\_\_\_\_



## 2021-22 School Year Tuition Schedules

### Holy Cross System High School

(Grades 9 – 12)

<b>Catholic</b>	<b>Annually</b>
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1 <sup>st</sup> child	\$7,625.00
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2 <sup>nd</sup> child	\$6,525.00
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3 <sup>rd</sup> child	\$5,975.00
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4 <sup>th</sup> child	\$2,175.00
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<b>Non-Catholic</b>	<b>Annually</b>
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1 <sup>st</sup> child	\$8,475.00
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2 <sup>nd</sup> child	\$7,450.00
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3 <sup>rd</sup> child	\$6,950.00
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4 <sup>th</sup> child	\$2,750.00
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### Holy Cross System Elementary Schools

(Grades K – 8)

<b>Catholic</b>	<b>Annually</b>
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1 <sup>st</sup> child	\$5,500.00
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2 <sup>nd</sup> child	\$4,700.00
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3 <sup>rd</sup> child	\$4,450.00
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4 <sup>th</sup> child	\$2,175.00
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<b>Non-Catholic</b>	<b>Annually</b>
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1 <sup>st</sup> child	\$6,150.00
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2 <sup>nd</sup> child	\$5,425.00
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3 <sup>rd</sup> child	\$5,225.00
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4 <sup>th</sup> child	\$2,750.00
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**NOTE:** Tuition for the Individualized Instruction Program (at Holy Cross High School & All Saints Academy) is \$700 in addition to the listed amounts.