



JACKSON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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TUITION ASSISTANCE FAQ

Jackson Catholic Schools is committed to making a faith-based education accessible to families who desire it. We recognize the sacrifices families make to provide this education and work carefully to ensure that those with the greatest need receive the most support.

All financial information submitted through the tuition assistance process is kept strictly confidential and is reviewed only by those directly involved in awarding assistance.

WHY DO I HAVE TO ENROLL AND PAY THE ENROLLMENT FEE BEFORE I KNOW MY TUITION AMOUNT? CAN YOU GIVE ME AN ESTIMATE?

The enrollment fee helps offset the charges we pay our vendor to process tuition assistance applications. We do not charge a separate tuition assistance application fee.

We are unable to provide tuition estimates. Every family's financial situation is unique, and many factors are considered when determining need — including household size, total tuition across schools, and necessary living expenses. To ensure fairness and responsible use of limited funds, all families must complete the same application process.

WHY IS TUITION HIGHER AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL?

Tuition is higher at the middle and high school levels because the cost to educate each student is greater. This campus has a larger facility and offers expanded academic programs, curriculum options, and extracurricular activities. On average, the cost to educate one student is approximately **\$14,000 per year**.

IF TUITION INCREASES, WILL MY TUITION ASSISTANCE INCREASE TOO?

Possibly, but not usually. If your financial situation remains the same, your tuition assistance amount typically will not increase. Each year we have a limited amount of aid available and must also raise more than \$1,000,000 to cover the gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate students.

DO YOU OFFER ATHLETIC OR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS?

No. We do not award athletic or academic scholarships. All tuition assistance is based solely on financial need.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES TO APPLY FOR THE 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR?

- **March 2** – Deadline for Diocese of Lansing (DOL) scholarship consideration and first-round / priority tuition assistance awards
- **March 3 – June 1** – Applications accepted from current families. Applications after June 1 will only be considered in extenuating circumstances and must be approved by the business office and executive team
- **New families** – May apply for tuition assistance through **August 15** for the upcoming school year

WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED?

- Prior year tax return (2024)
 - If you own a business two years (2024 and 2025) are required
- Current year (2025) W-2(s)

WHEN AND HOW WILL WE BE NOTIFIED ABOUT OUR AWARD?

- Applications **fully** completed by **March 2** – notification by mail around **May 15**
- Applications completed after **March 2** – notification by mail around **July 1**

HOW CAN I IMPROVE OUR CHANCES OF RECEIVING TUITION ASSISTANCE?

- **Apply early.** Submit your application and all required tax documents by March 2 to be considered in the first round, when the most aid is awarded
- **Provide context.** Use the notes section of the application to explain changes in your financial situation or anything not reflected clearly in the numbers
- **Volunteer.** Family volunteer involvement is considered when awarding assistance. Help with school events, athletics, concessions, or the auction — and be sure to list your volunteer activities in the notes section
- **Apply for additional scholarships and/or grants.**
 - **Ken Dillon Scholarship** – information typically shared with families in **April**
 - **Marguerite Jarzynka Scholarship** – for grades 9-12 - application link below
 - **Petitito Scholarship** – for grades 9-12 - application link below
 - **Diocese of Lansing New Family Grant** - application link below - for Catholic families new to any DOL school & Catholic families new to LC
 - **Use TRIP** – The Tuition Reimbursement Incentive Program (TRIP) is an easy way to earn tuition credit through everyday purchases. Contact **TRIP@myjacs.org** for details

QUICK LINKS

- **Current Families - Enroll here:** [FACTS Enrollment](#)
- **New Families - Apply here:** [FACTS Application](#)
- **Apply for Tuition Assistance:** One application per family covers all students, even if they attend multiple schools.
 - [Lumen Christi Tuition Assistance Application](#)
 - [St. John's Tuition Assistance Application](#)
 - [St. Mary's Tuition Assistance Application](#)
 - [Queen's Tuition Assistance Application](#)
- **Marguerite Jarzynka & Petitto Scholarship Applications:** jcslumenchristi.org
- **DOL** [New Family Grant](#)