

Scholarship Opportunities and Financial Aid Assistance

Catholic Education: Different By Design
St. Joseph School, Sylvania

St. Joseph School is blessed with a community of dedicated families who make many sacrifices for the sake of Catholic education. In these difficult economic times, we want to re-emphasize our open-door policy concerning financial aid. Last year approximately \$136,205 was awarded to students as financial aid for the current school year. At St. Joseph, we are committed to the philosophy that no family be denied the opportunity to attend our school for financial reasons. As a staff, we are dedicated to making the information for and the process of applying for aid as accessible and easy as possible. Enclosed with your registration packet is a list of tuition assistance opportunities that exist for most St. Joseph school families.

At St. Joseph School, our doors are always open to discuss ways we can help your family gain the most from the gift of Catholic Education.

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3WT0B>

The first step in applying for any form of tuition assistance at St. Joseph School is to submit an online FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment application. Completing this application online is simply the fastest way for any family to seek financial help. Facts Management Co. (FMC) is an independent, national family assessment firm used by most northwest Ohio private schools to assist in determining financial need. FMC does not award grants or scholarships but provides confidential analysis. Applying for assessment is now even easier when you click on the direct link to FMC. Please note that all information and discussions regarding financial aid are kept confidential. The deadline for submitting applications to FACTS in order to be considered for financial aid is April 30, 2017.

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund:

<http://tinyurl.com/NOSF17AP>

A privately funded scholarship, the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to help low-income children attend the non-public school of their choice. These scholarships are funded exclusively through the private donations of individuals, corporations, and foundations. Each scholarship is based on individual family size and income, with a maximum scholarship of \$1,500 per child for elementary students. Income information is re-evaluated each year with the scholarship amount adjusted accordingly. For more information or to apply, please visit www.nosf.org. Applications are also available by contacting the school office. Families already receiving a scholarship for one or more children should not submit this form. If you want to add younger siblings of current NOSF Scholars, you will apply for them on your Re-Qualification paperwork. The deadline for new applications is April 28, 2017. *Online applications only.*

Income-Based Scholarship Program; EdChoice, EdChoice Expansion:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program>

The Income-Based Scholarship program was implemented for the 2013- 14 school year with 2,000 scholarships available for students entering kindergarten. It will grow one grade level every year. The scholarship is worth \$4,650 per year.

The first application period begins February 1 and ends April 30, 2017.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR EDCHOICE?

- Students currently attending a designated public school in their resident district; to view a list of designated schools go to <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program/EdChoice-Scholarship-For-Districts>
- Students attending a public school in their resident district who will be assigned to one of the designated public schools for the upcoming school year;
- Students currently attending a charter/community school whose assigned home school is a designated public school building;
- Students eligible to enter kindergarten for fall 2017 (and who will be age 5 by 1/1/2018) who would be assigned to one of the designated public schools; or
- Students enrolling in an Ohio school for the first time who would be assigned to one of the designated public schools for the upcoming school year. Students who DO NOT meet any of the preceding eligibility criteria may still be eligible for the EdChoice "expansion" scholarship if they meet the following criteria: • Student is eligible to enter kindergarten, first, second, third or fourth grade for fall 2017;
- Student does not live in the Cleveland Municipal School District; and
- Family household income is at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP? The EdChoice scholarship amount is currently \$4650 for grades K-8. To view Federal Poverty Guidelines, go to: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program>