

# Tuition Assistance Criteria



## 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Saint Joseph Church tuition assistance program is available to admitted Saint Joseph School and/or Cardinal Newman School students and is awarded as funds are available to those families with demonstrated need. Parish tuition assistance is available for families who have demonstrated financial need and whose needs are not fully met by existing scholarships, or who are facing an unexpected emergency. This support is intended as a short-term helping hand rather than an ongoing yearly resource, so that we can care thoughtfully for families during times of greater need.

All tuition assistance is given on the basis of demonstrated need. In order to provide impartiality and fairness to our parish families, need is assessed by FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment--a third party provider. Only parish families who complete the FACTS evaluation process are eligible for tuition assistance. Awards are not renewable, and parish families must re-apply every year.

All applications are strictly confidential. Applications are reviewed by the Tuition Assistance Committee. The committee is a small group of individuals organized for the purpose of reviewing funding requests for tuition assistance. The group itself is anonymous and all information it reviews, financial or otherwise, is held in strict confidentiality.

Applications cannot be submitted until the FACTS verification process has been completed. Applications are accepted from March 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026. Since there are usually more families requesting assistance than there are available resources, submitting a late or incomplete application will negatively affect the likelihood and/or amount of an award.

The committee will only consider Parish families whose financial standings have been verified by FACTS and who meet the standard of active parishioner. In short, active parishioner status is based on:

- Registration in the parish for a sufficient period of time and use of the envelope system in support of the parish;
- Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days;
- Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit

Please see the attached Parishioner Tuition Rate Information for more information.

Submitting an application does not mean that the application has been verified. FACTS will require copies of financial documents in order to verify an application. Families should work directly with FACTS to provide information in a timely fashion. The Tuition Assistance Committee will provide the family an opportunity (via confidential email or letter) to further clarify their tuition assistance needs for the coming year, including any unique circumstances or details that provide clarity to the numbers in FACTS.