



History & Background of Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance

Because strong, sustainable education programs in schools and parishes are vital for the future of the Catholic Church, 50% of the proceeds (or approximately \$65 million) of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love (<http://1faith1hopelove.org/>) campaign will be used for Catholic education in our archdiocese. Of that total, about \$15 million will be directed to educational programs, and the remaining \$50 Million will go towards tuition assistance for families. These funds will flow through a newly formed foundation – The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. \$40 million will be endowed, and the earnings that result will provide perpetual tuition assistance. This helps to ensure a solid future for Catholic schools by becoming a source for families who need tuition assistance. \$10 million will be expendable tuition assistance over the first 5 years (\$2 Million per year) - beginning in school year 2017-18. This first portion is intended to alleviate immediate financial pressures upon our school families, and to keep Catholic schools vibrant and viable.

GUIDELINES FOR ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE

K-8 Grade Student Grants

- **Level of Need Based on Income:** All K-8 grade grants funded by the CEF will be awarded based upon the assessed financial need of our families, performed by a third-party company which will examine a family's income and suggest a level of need.
- **\$1000 Limit:** A grant will not exceed the amount of \$1,000 per student, with the amount determined by the financial needs assessment. (This \$1,000 is an initial limit; it may increase in future years, dependent on future funds raised and changing policies of the grant program.)
- **Annual Applications:** These grants must be applied for annually, and will be awarded without distinguishing between families based upon religion; however, local parishes/schools could make such differentiations in awards of separate local tuition assistance.
- **Qualifying for Other Support:** These primary school grants will not be provided to any family who already receives, or who qualifies to receive, full tuition support from state-funded Parental Choice programs (the EdChoice Scholarship, the Jon Peterson Scholarship, etc.). However, these grants will be awarded before any form of locally-generated tuition assistance (such as parish or school aid).
- **Which Schools are included:** Awarded grants may be applied toward tuition at any Catholic Elementary School recognized by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- **Priority deadline for applications this year will be January 31, 2017!!!**

For application information please visit: <http://catholicbestchoice.org/k-8-tuition-information>

Grade 9-12 Student Grants

- **Financial Need:** All grade 9-12 grade grants funded by the CEF will be awarded based upon the financial need of families, as assessed by a third party firm for the high school to which the student applies. In turn, the high school will notify the family of their application status.
- **Grant Eligibility:** Unlike the grant eligibility for the K-8 grade students, at the high school level these grants can be used along with state-funded Parental Choice programs, such as EdChoice. The grants are awarded after state-funded assistance, family contribution, and high school and/or other institutional aid is applied.
- **\$1000 Limit:** Grants will not exceed the amount of \$1,000 per student.
- **Annual Applications:** These grants must be applied for annually, and will be awarded without distinguishing between families based upon religion; however, local schools could make such differentiations in awards of separate local tuition assistance.
- *Contact your high school directly for application information.*

