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Diocesan Financial Aid Application Requirements

2026/2027 School Year

To be eligible for Financial Aid from the Diocese of Springfield, you must comply with the following requirements:

- 1. Must attend a Catholic school (home school education and online schools are not eligible).**
- 2. Must be enrolled in grades K-12 (Pre-K students are not eligible for Diocesan Financial Aid).**
- 3. Must demonstrate financial need according to the diocesan guidelines.**
- 4. Must complete a new financial aid application through FACTS online each year.**
- 5. Applications will not be reviewed by the Diocese until the application is in a “verified” status. The application is not verified by FACTS until all documents are submitted. This process can take FACTS up to two weeks to complete.**

Diocesan Financial Aid Application Procedures

- Applications are accepted online through FACTS as of January 1, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year. Any applications submitted prior to January 1, will not be processed. **Please note:** Financial Aid is awarded on a first come- first serve basis so it is imperative to submit your application in a timely manner. A completed application is not a guarantee of assistance.
- To apply online, log on to <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>
- Returning users, enter your username and password. New users, click Register.
- Be sure to send FACTS your 1040 Income Tax Form for 2025 and your W-2 statement(s) for 2025. Please note: **If you choose the “I do not file” field, you will be required to submit documentation of income.**
- Currently there is a **\$45.00** fee to apply for financial aid. Your application is not complete until all documentation is received and the fee is paid. **Please note:** FACTS can take up to four weeks to process your application.
- Once you have completed the application, please do not make any changes before contacting the Diocesan Financial Aid Office.
- Completed FACTS applications will be processed by the Diocesan Financial Aid Office in rounds occurring in March, April, and May 2026. Once FACTS has verified your application, the Diocesan Financial Aid Office will review each application to determine eligibility; acceptance/denial letters or emails are then emailed to families.
- Applications for the 2025-2026 school year will be accepted in FACTS until April 30, 2026 or until funds have been depleted. Any completed applications submitted for returning families after this date will not be processed without a documented reason received prior to this date. Please communicate this to your families several times. The exception to this process would be new students that need assistance; they have until the beginning of the new school year complete the application. The school must send these names to financialaid@diospringfield.org.

If you have any questions about the Diocesan Financial Aid Application Requirements or Procedures, please don't hesitate to call the Diocesan Financial Aid Office at 413.568.5692. Ask for Julie Fregeau.

Important Facts about Diocesan Financial Aid

- The same (updated for 2026) financial parameters are still in place for the upcoming school year. There is no guarantee that if a family qualified in prior years that they will still qualify this year. The Diocese needs to stretch available funds to the families that are in the most need.
- **The deadline for completed applications (in a verified status) is April 30, 2026. Please apply for aid as soon as possible for the 2026/2027 school year. With the deadline to file taxes 4/15 there isn't a reason to wait until the end of the school year to apply. The April 30, 2026 deadline will be communicated several times. Thank you for your cooperation.**
- Diocesan Financial Aid is given apart from other assistance programs, scholarships, tuition aid and parish subsidies.
- Diocesan Financial Aid is awarded per student, not per family.
- Schools may offer their own financial aid assistance programs. Contact your school for more information.
- Students in elementary school may receive as much as \$600.00 in Diocesan Financial Aid, if eligible.
- Students in high school may receive as much as \$1,200.00 in Diocesan Financial Aid, if eligible.
- Students, who attend Mater Dolorosa School or Blessed Sacrament School in Holyoke, may receive as much as \$1,000.00 in Diocesan Financial Aid, if found eligible for the **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuition Aid Endowment**. We are grateful for this additional assistance from the former Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Holyoke.
- Students, who live in Springfield, belong to a parish in Springfield and attend a Catholic School in Springfield, may receive as much as \$800.00 in Diocesan Financial Aid, if eligible for the **St. Thomas Aquinas/St. Joseph Tuition Aid Endowment**. We are also grateful to these two former Springfield Churches for this additional assistance.