

## DEAR PARENTS,

The decision to enroll a child in a Catholic school can be one of the best choices parents can make for their child's academic and spiritual well-being. However, this choice comes with financial sacrifices, and many parents struggle to afford the full cost of Catholic school tuition. In Northeast Ohio, we are blessed to have tremendous support for our Catholic schools and the families who attend them. Because of this support, the Diocese of Cleveland can offer tuition assistance opportunities to help ease the financial burden for families.

In the Diocese of Cleveland, the Catholic Education Endowment Trust (CEET) has been a primary provider of tuition assistance and grants to Catholic school students for more than 40 years. CEET is managed by the Catholic Community Foundation, which encourages faithful philanthropy to enrich people's lives in Northeast Ohio.

I am grateful to the generous benefactors who support Catholic education in many ways. They keep CEET healthy and growing so that students can grow in their education and love of Christ through our Catholic elementary schools and high schools. I hope you will find their support of great assistance to you as you read through this brochure and discover the options available in affording a quality Catholic education.

I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

*+ Edward C. Malesic*

Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic,  
JCL Bishop of Cleveland



Catholic school tuition assistance and scholarships are made possible through the generosity of many benefactors to the Diocese of Cleveland. If you are interested in supporting students in their Catholic education, please contact the Catholic Community Foundation.

### ABOUT THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Catholic Community Foundation is dedicated to enriching lives by encouraging faithful philanthropy. The Foundation supports the mission of the Diocese of Cleveland to provide for the spiritual, educational and charitable needs of people throughout Northeast Ohio.



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FAMILY GUIDE TO

# Affording A Catholic Education

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR  
2025-2026



Catholic Diocese  
of Cleveland

# Affordability for EVERY family!

## STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Every resident of the State of Ohio is eligible for a State scholarship. Below is a list of these scholarship options:

- **Cleveland Scholarship** \$6,166 K8 / \$8,408 HS
- **EdChoice Traditional** \$6,166 K8 / \$8,408 HS
- **EdChoice Expansion** Income based up to \$6,166 K8 / \$8,408 HS
- **Jon Peterson** Special needs based on category \$9,585 to \$32,445
- **Autism Scholarship** Special needs award up to \$32,445

For more information about applying for a State Scholarship, contact your Catholic school.

## ANGEL SCHOLARSHIPS

Award Amount: Varies by school  
Deadline: Set by each school

**In the 2024-25 academic year nearly \$5.5 million were awarded to students.**

These scholarships are made possible through contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund, a state tax-credit program that is being managed by the Catholic Community Foundation and the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Every family that wishes to be considered for an award must complete an online application form.

To Apply: Contact your Catholic school.

\*\*ASF Scholarship donations that are not earmarked to a specific school are available through the FACTS application.

## DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE (DTA)

Award Amount: Varies according to need  
Deadline: March 15, 2025

Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) is available to students attending a participating school within the Diocese of Cleveland. Funds are awarded based on financial need. **In the 2024-25 academic year, nearly \$4 million were awarded to students.**

To Apply: Complete a FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at [online.factsmgmt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid).

*Families with students attending Benedictine, Cleveland Central Catholic, Elyria Catholic, Holy Name, Lake Catholic, St. Joseph Academy, St. Martin de Porres, Trinity, & Villa Angela-St. Joseph High Schools should contact the school directly to apply for Diocesan Tuition Assistance funds.*

## FUND A DREAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Award Amount: \$2,500  
Deadline: March 15, 2025

Fund A Dream is an innovative scholarship program that offers a special opportunity for sponsors to "adopt a student" and be provided with updates about them during the school year. All students K-12 that have a remaining financial need of at least \$2,500 are eligible to apply.

To Apply: Contact your Catholic school

## SCHOOL EMPLOYEE TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

Award Amount: Based upon the number of applications received  
Deadline: March 15, 2025

Renewed for a eighth year in the 2025-26 academic year, this fund is an additional tuition assistance opportunity for full-time Catholic school employees of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland whose children are K-12 students.

To Apply: Check with your employer for an application or email: [SEF@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:SEF@dioceseofcleveland.org).

## SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships have special requirements and are subject to change from year to year. **Deadline for all applications is March 15, 2025.** Please see the guidelines on the individual applications for the most current information.

**Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence:** Ten \$3,500 scholarships for high school students and twenty \$1,200 scholarships for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students in participating schools within the Diocese of Cleveland.

Additional Special Scholarships:

- **Cathedral Latin Scholarship**
- **GEIS Scholarship Program**
- **John L. Patton Memorial Scholarship**
- **M. Thomas Moore Elementary Scholarship**
- **The Martin T. Galvin Memorial Scholarship**

Contact your Catholic school to learn more about details to qualify for the Special Scholarships listed above.

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Available: Nov. 1 - May 1 during the school year

Emergency Tuition Assistance Grants are available to families with children in elementary and/or high schools in the Diocese of Cleveland, who are experiencing a major family crisis and cannot meet their tuition obligation. The school should discuss options available to the family at the local level first. This may include a payment plan and/or local financial assistance.

If all of these options have been exhausted, the school can request an application by emailing Cindy Williams, Scholarship Coordinator at [cwilliams@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:cwilliams@dioceseofcleveland.org).

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION STEPS

- 1 **ENROLL** in your Catholic school!
- 2 **Submit Request** for your State scholarship to your school.
- 3 **Apply** for additional scholarships with the guidance of your school.

