

TUITION Assistance

A NAVIGATION GUIDE

1

Mark your calendar

In order to maximize your award, you must meet the assistance deadline of April 15. Miss that date, and your assistance will likely be decreased.

2

Get familiar with FACTS

Save the FACTS 24-hour parent hotline: 866-441-4637 (dial option 2), or utilize chat support from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Information and support links can be found at holymfamilydbq.org.

3

First time applying?

An **application help night** will be offered via Zoom for spring 2021. Specific date and time will be announced in January. If you need more information, contact Tuition Coordinator Katie Tracy at 563-582-5456, ext. 283.

4

Complete your tax return

As soon as you have your W2s, **file your taxes**. This information is critical for your application. **You will need to provide your 2020 federal tax return.**

5

Submit your application early

FACTS may have questions about your application or need additional documentation. The sooner you complete your application, the more time you'll have to make sure it's right.

6

Apply for scholarships

Eighth-grade scholarship applications for Wahlert are due in early April. **More than \$59,000 is available.**

7

Get your award notification

Your first award report, including STO money, will be sent in **May**. If you are not STO-eligible but have financial need, Holy Family grants may be awarded in relation to your calculated need.

8

What if it's not enough?

If you have special circumstances making it difficult to pay your entire tuition bill, you may **apply for reconsideration**. This process takes additional factors into account. Parish grants may also be allocated to families that are active in their church. Reconsideration decisions are communicated by July 1.

9

I missed the deadline!

If you miss the April deadline, you still need to complete the FACTS application. We will work as quickly as possible to evaluate and respond to your tuition assistance request.

10

Do I have to apply every year?

Because **circumstances change** from year to year, you must submit the most up-to-date information to assist in the calculation of the tuition assistance you need.

TUITION Assistance

A GUIDE TO RESOURCES

Holy Family Catholic Schools is committed to ensuring that an exceptional Catholic education is affordable for all families. Let us help you find a way to make it work for your family.

1

Understand why a Holy Family Catholic School is worth the sacrifice

Find out why parents love Holy Family. Schedule your **enrollment meeting** with a school principal.

2

Learn about the different types of assistance available

Understand that Holy Family offers multiple tuition assistance options, including **STO, Holy Family and parish grants, credits and scholarships.**

3

School Tuition Organization (STO)

If you live in Iowa, you may qualify for STO assistance. **STO awards range from 90% of tuition to \$400 depending on family size and income level.**

4

Not STO qualified?

STO is our largest source of tuition assistance, but if you do not live in Iowa or your income level exceeds STO guidelines, **other forms of assistance are available.**

5

Be an active parishioner

Get to know your pastor and regularly share your time, talent and treasure with your parish. Make weekend Mass attendance a priority and you will be able to access parish grants and credits—and receive countless spiritual gifts as well!

6

Apply for scholarships

Incoming Wahlert Catholic students may apply for a number of scholarships to help with tuition. **The total scholarship money available is \$59,000—and climbing!**

7

Put your child to work

Wahlert Catholic students may participate in a work study program during the summer months to **contribute toward their tuition.** Spots fill up quickly, so don't delay in signing up.

8

Use SCRIP and earn rebates

Earn tuition rebates by **buying the items you normally buy.** Dubuque parishes participate in SCRIP, selling gift cards for local businesses and national chains at face value. Because the cards are purchased in bulk at a discounted rate, you earn a rebate that may be used toward tuition. Better yet, enlist your friends and relatives to buy SCRIP, too!

9

Still not enough? There's another source

Holy Family has budgeted dollars and trust income to supplement tuition assistance from other sources. If **special circumstances exist**, the reconsideration process allows parents to tell their story in consideration of additional assistance.

