

TUITION Assistance

A NAVIGATION GUIDE

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Mark your calendar

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

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Get familiar with FACTS

Familiarize yourself with the FACTS website: online.factsmgt.com/aid and support features including 24-hour parent hotline: 866-441-4637 (dial option 2) and chat support from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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First time applying?

If you need more information, contact Holy Family Tuition Coordinator Katie Tracy at 563-582-5456, ext. 283 or kracy@holyfamilydbq.org.

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File your taxes ASAP

As soon as you have your W2s, file your taxes. This information is critical for your application. **You will need to provide your 2022 federal tax return.**

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Apply for STO and scholarships 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.

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Look for your award notification

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

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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.

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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.

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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.



Holy Family
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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 the value of Holy Family Catholic Schools

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

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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. One application is used for all forms of tuition assistance and scholarships. Apply at online.factsmgt.com/aid.

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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. If you do not live in Iowa or your income exceeds STO guidelines, there are other opportunities!

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Be active in your parish

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!

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Apply for scholarships

Families may apply for a number of scholarships to help with tuition, including scholarships for students entering Wahlert Catholic High School from Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School, new student scholarships, continuing Catholic education scholarships, and Butler scholarships.

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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!

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529 Plans

Did you know? Qualified 529 plan withdrawals can be used for tuition expenses at an elementary or secondary public, private or religious school. Learn more at collegesavingsiowa.com

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Iowa Tax Credit

The Iowa Tax Credit provides a 25% rebate of the first \$2,000 paid in tuition per student.

