

## 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  
2024-2025



Catholic Diocese  
of Cleveland

## DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE (DTA)

Average high school award: \$1,000 | Average elementary award: \$700  
Deadlines: Round 1- March 15, 2024 & Round 2 May 15, 2024

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 2023-24 academic year, over \$3.5 million was distributed to more than 3,300 students.

To Apply: Go to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at [online.factsmgt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgt.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.

## ANGEL SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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 Angel Scholarship Application Form. For more information, contact your school administrator or Paul Gnatowski, Tuition Assistance & Financial Reporting Analysis, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, 216-696-6525 ext. 1032.

To Apply: Contact your school

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

## FUND A DREAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Award Amount: \$2,500  
Deadline: March 25, 2024

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: Go to [CatholicCommunity.org/FAD](https://CatholicCommunity.org/FAD)

## SCHOOL EMPLOYEE TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

Award Amount: Based upon the number of applications received  
Deadline: April, 1 2024

Renewed for a seventh year in 2024-25 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 contact: [SEF@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:SEF@dioceseofcleveland.org).

## 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 contacting Cindy Williams at [cwilliams@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:cwilliams@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 2024.* 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.

• **Cathedral Latin Scholarship:** One \$1,000 scholarship to a high school student nominated by their principal in each of the DTA participating high schools within the Diocese of Cleveland.

• **GEIS Scholarship Program:** Scholarships up to \$5,000, open to students who are refugees or immigrants or children of first generation immigrants enrolled in Catholic high schools in Cuyahoga County.

• **John L. Patton Memorial Scholarship:** Offers full tuition for one academic year to one 10th or 11th grade student enrolled at any of the Diocesan-owned high schools: Cleveland Central Catholic, Elyria Catholic, Holy Name, Lake Catholic, or Villa Angela-St. Joseph High Schools. Must have a parent or grandparent who is currently serving or is a veteran of the U.S. Military.

• **M. Thomas Moore Elementary Scholarship:** Four \$500 scholarships each academic year to four elementary students in the Diocese of Cleveland.

• **The Martin T. Galvin Memorial Scholarship:** Provides \$1,000-\$1,500 scholarship assistance to a student enrolled or entering a high school providing a Catholic education within the Diocese of Cleveland. Student must have a family member who is a member of the Catholic Lawyers Guild or a parent who is an attorney practicing law in Northeast Ohio, are registered at a parish in the Diocese, and are participating members of their school and/or community.

For more information about Special Scholarships, contact Cindy Williams, CEET Grant/Special Scholarships Coordinator, [cwilliams@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:cwilliams@dioceseofcleveland.org).

