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TYPES OF TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families with students enrolled in St. John the Apostle Catholic School have options when researching tuition assistance. The following points illustrate the types of assistance options available to students of St. John the Apostle Catholic School as well as eligibility and qualification. Please note that the types of assistance may vary from year to year as a result of funding. It is very important to note that tuition assistance of any kind is only offered to those applying for assistance through FACTS Grant and Aid.

The following are the tuition assistance options available for the 2019-2020 school year.

- **McMahon Parater Foundation for Education.** McMahon Parater Foundation for Education was created in 2008 by Bishop DiLorenzo to secure the future of Catholic schools by making them more affordable through tuition assistance for those students who seek a Catholic education by attending diocesan, parish, regional and independent Catholic schools within the Diocese of Richmond.

Eligibility:

1. Child's application and registration must have been completed and accepted by St. John the Apostle Catholic School.
2. Both Catholic and Non-Catholic students are eligible for scholarship consideration.

Qualification: Determined at the diocesan level based on information submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid.

- **Catholic Diocese Parish Sharing Award.** The parishes within the Diocese of Richmond contribute to Catholic education through a parish assessment. These funds contribute to make Catholic education more affordable.

Eligibility:

1. Child's application and registration must have been completed and accepted by St. John the Apostle Catholic School.
2. Students baptized Roman Catholic are eligible for consideration for this assistance. A Baptismal Certificate must be on file in the school office.

Qualification: Determined at the diocesan and school level based on information submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid.

- **Virginia State Tax Credits Scholarship.** Under Virginia's Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits program, donations to approved foundations will provide scholarships for low-income, new students at non-public schools. The Virginia Department of Education has approved the McMahon Parater Foundation to receive donations under this program, for distribution of scholarships to qualified students attending St. John the Apostle Catholic School.

Eligibility:

1. Child's application and registration must have been completed and accepted by St. John the Apostle Catholic School.
2. Children receiving these scholarships must come from families whose annual household income is less than 300 percent of the current poverty guidelines.

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3. Children with disabilities, the family's household income must be no more than 400 percent of the poverty level.
4. **In addition**, the children must be residents of Virginia and fit **ONE** of these criteria:
 - (a) are eligible to enter kindergarten or first grade, **OR**
 - (b) attended a Commonwealth public school for at least half of the current or prior school year, **OR**
 - (c) were not Virginia residents during the preceding school year, **OR**
 - (d) were prior recipients of a scholarship under this program.
 - (e) Does **NOT** apply to Pre-Kindergarten students.

Qualification: Determined at the diocesan and school levels based on information submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid as laid out by the Virginia Department of Education.

- **Segura Educational Initiative.** The Segura Initiative for Children was begun by Bishop DiLorenzo in 2010. Its purpose is to increase enrollment of Latino students in Catholic schools of the Diocese of Richmond by providing tuition assistance to Hispanic families who have demonstrated financial need.

Eligibility:

1. Child's application and registration must have been completed and accepted by St. John the Apostle Catholic School.
2. Child must be a first, second or third generation Hispanic (one or both parents).
3. Be a new student applying to Catholic School
4. Be Catholic and the family a registered family at a Catholic parish (family must provide a letter of verification from their parish office.)
5. Have an annual income of at least \$10,000.
6. Understands that Segura scholarships are given only for financial need and in the case of new students are offered to those who will be attending up to 6th grade.

Qualification: Determined at the diocesan level based on information submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid.

- **Local School Aid.** Local school aid is pulled from three sources: assistance from St. John the Apostle Catholic School, monies donated and designated as scholarship funding and grants designated for scholarships. Local school aid is based on the school financial situation for the upcoming school year. Grants and donations designated for scholarship purposes fluctuate based on the generosity of donors and are fluid from year to year.
- **Eligibility:**
 1. Child's application and registration must have been completed and accepted by St. John the Apostle Catholic School.
 2. *Volunteer time completed from previous school year as well as volunteer time over and above the expectation.*
 3. **Ability of the family in keeping the monies due the school current.**
 4. Overall student(s) academic achievement as well as a family's immediate need or circumstance that we can factor into the decision making matrix.
 5. Immediate need based upon family circumstances.
 6. Does **NOT** apply to Pre-Kindergarten students.

Qualification: Determined at school level based on the analysis of information submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid as well as the factors listed above.

- A formal notification letter will be sent from St. John the Apostle Catholic School to all applicants based on the dates outlined in Tuition Assistance Guidelines.
- Applicants must complete a signed award acceptance form prior to having the tuition assistance applied to the tuition account.