



Tuition Assistance & Scholarship Information 2024-2025 School Year

Applying for financial aid is optional; however, please note that no tuition assistance can be given from the school unless you complete the application(s) and submit the required tax form documentation. No aid can be given to families who do not have an application on file.

St. Francis School Financial Assistance Application (orange application)

- This form is used to determine eligibility for all tuition assistance awarded through St. Francis School.
- Along with the application, you must submit copies of the **first two pages** of your **2023 Federal 1040 form** **AND** your **2023 PA state taxes**. (For questions, please contact our bookkeeper Deacon Gene Miller @ 814-765-9671 option 5, or email deacongencpa@gmail.com)
- There is no fee for this application. It is returned directly to the school or rectory offices.
- To qualify for this aid, your family must complete **20 volunteer hours** for the school during the current school year, as outlined in the policy. You have until June 20th to complete these hours. (This is waived for families not currently enrolled at SFS)
- This form and all required documentation must be returned to St. Francis School by **March 31, 2024**. Late forms will be accepted, but funds will be awarded based on the money that is available at the time of your application.

Catholic Diocese of Erie Tuition Aid and Scholarships (submit application online)

- This form determines eligibility for the Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program and the STAR Foundation scholarships. Applying for this aid is optional, and is completely separate from the tuition assistance given by St. Francis School.
- Awards are based on financial need, and income guidelines are stated on the application. Generally, students are eligible to receive a scholarship if their household's annual income is **no greater than \$108,444 plus \$19,088** for each dependent member of the household. If your family's income is greater than the guidelines on the application, you will not receive any aid through this scholarship.
- This **application is available online** at www.eriecd.org. Click on "Tuition Assistance" under the EDUCATION tab on the home page. Be sure to upload all required tax documents and submit the application fee online in order for your application to be considered complete.
- These awards are determined by an independent accounting firm contracted through the Diocese of Erie. St. Francis School will be notified of each family's award amount sometime in June.
- If you choose to apply, this form, the fee, and all required documentation must be submitted before **April 15, 2024**. Please read the form for details. Late applications are NOT accepted for this form.

RaiseRight Tuition Credit Program

- All families can earn money off their tuition through our RaiseRight program. There are no income limits for this, and you can earn up to 100% of your tuition cost.
- Credit is earned by purchasing gift cards for everyday purchases such as gas, groceries, and restaurants through raiseright.com.
- You can begin earning credit immediately, even before your child enrolls. Credit accumulates from July through June each year and is subtracted from the family's tuition bill, as outlined in the RaiseRight policies. Friends and family members may also use the program and earn credit for your family.
- Contact Sheila Clancy at sclancy@stfrancisclearfield.org or visit the RaiseRight website to learn more.