



## Tuition Assistance & Scholarship Information 2025-2026 School Year

Applying for financial aid is optional; however, please note that no tuition assistance can be given by 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. **In the past, nearly all families who applied for aid received assistance or scholarships.**

### St. Francis School Tuition Assistance

- We use FACTS Grant & Aid Management to help us determine a family’s eligibility and aid allocation amount. Apply online at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/3N6YH/landing-page> You can use the same login information that you use when you access your tuition statements. If you are new to St. Francis School, please follow the prompts to set up a new FACTS account for your family.
- You will be asked to upload copies of your 2024 taxes and W2’s. (If you will not have your taxes done by April 15<sup>th</sup>, please contact our bookkeeper Deacon Gene Miller for other options @ 814-765-9671 option 5, or email [deacongenecpa@gmail.com](mailto:deacongenecpa@gmail.com))
- There is a \$40 fee for this application that you must pay when you apply. However, the school will refund this fee to you in the form of a credit on your family’s tuition statement.
- To fully qualify for this aid, your family must have completed 20 volunteer hours for the school during the current school year, as outlined in the policy. You must log your own hours into Gradelink to get credit. (The volunteer hour requirement is waived for families not currently enrolled/new to SFS for the upcoming year)
- This application will remain open until August, however, if possible, please apply by April 15<sup>th</sup> to receive the maximum award. Later in the year, funds will be awarded based on the money that is still available at the time of your application.

### Catholic Diocese of Erie Tuition Aid and Scholarships

- 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. Apply online at: <https://www.doetap.org>
- Awards are based on financial need, and income guidelines are stated on the application. Because this money is generated by state tax dollars, there are strict income guidelines. Please see below:

Number of Dependents	Maximum Income	Number of Dependents	Maximum Income
1	\$132,123	5	\$211,223
2	\$151,898	6	\$230,998
3	\$171,673	7	\$250,773
4	\$191,448	For each additional dependent, the limit increases by \$19,775	

\*If your family’s income is greater than the guidelines on the application, you cannot receive any aid through this scholarship.

- These awards are determined by an independent accounting firm contracted through the Diocese of Erie. Be sure to upload all required tax documents and submit the application fee online before May 2<sup>nd</sup> in order for your application to be considered complete. This \$30 fee is non-refundable.

## **RaiseRight Tuition Credit Program**

- All families can earn credit towards 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.
- Visit the school's website for sign up directions: <https://www.stfrancisclearfield.org/financial-aid/> or contact Sheila Clancy at [sclancy@stfrancisclearfield.org](mailto:sclancy@stfrancisclearfield.org) for more information or assistance in setting up your family's account.

## **Questions?**

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- For enrollment questions, please contact principal Claudia Hopkins, [chopkins@stfrancisclearfield.org](mailto:chopkins@stfrancisclearfield.org)
- For RaiseRight questions or volunteer hour questions, please contact Sheila Clancy, [sclancy@stfrancisclearfield.org](mailto:sclancy@stfrancisclearfield.org)