

Tuition Assistance

At St. Jude Catholic School we do not want financial concerns to deter any family from enrolling. Several options are available for families with grade-schoolers seeking tuition assistance. Scholarships through the Diocese, parish, and outside organizations are available, with applications beginning in January each year. Tuition assistance will be based on Peoria Diocesan guidelines using the **FACTS** aid assessment process. All families wishing to be considered for financial assistance should complete this assessment online prior to April 15, for the upcoming school year. The FACTS application is required for those wishing to be considered for the John Lancaster Spalding, Knights of Columbus Scholarship, or St. Jude parish assistance. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Visit online.factsmgt.com/aid to access the FACTS application. More details on FACTS applications and the Spalding Scholarship may be found at <https://cdop.org/why-choose-catholic-schools/financial-assistance/>.

- **The John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship** is an endowment fund established in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria. Tuition assistance scholarship grants are available to students enrolled/intending to enroll in grades kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are members of a Catholic parish in the diocese.
- **The Knights of Columbus St. Clement Council** offers a \$2500 scholarship to a St. Jude student entering K-8th grade and a \$1000 scholarship for a graduating 8th grader planning to enroll at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Email jlindsey@stjudecatholic.com for more details on these opportunities.
- **St. Jude Parish Scholarship:** Registered, active parish families who complete a FACTS application will also be considered for additional assistance from St. Jude if found to have qualifying financial need.

The State of Illinois' Invest In Kids Act funds scholarships for children who choose to attend private schools. Scholarships offered through this program could cover up to 100% of tuition and eligible fees. Interested families may submit an application through Empower Illinois, starting in mid-January. Visit www.empowerillinois.org for more information, and to apply.

All scholarship grants are issued for one school year. Families must reapply annually for consideration. Families are encouraged to apply as early as possible to ensure ample time to gather and submit any required documents. Those receiving an Invest In Kids scholarship will be ineligible for the other scholarships shown above. Preschoolers are not eligible for tuition assistance.

