

Saint Mary Catholic School Grant and Scholarship Information



“Catholic education gives soul to our globalized world and radiates the promise of Christian salvation. Students educated in a Christian way for dialogue will come out of the classroom motivated to build bridges and, therefore, to find new answers to the many challenges of our times. “

~ His Holiness Pope Francis

Saint Mary Catholic School is committed to making Catholic education affordable. There are numerous grant and scholarship possibilities. It is our hope that these tuition assistance options will enable any parent to choose a Catholic education for their child(ren).

Important information and steps to take when applying for a Grant/Scholarship:

Contact Kristin White prior to applying for Grant/Scholarship at

Kristin.white@saintmaryschool.net or 850-582-2606

***Read the requirements for eligibility before applying for a grant/scholarship.**

*** Include the required documents.**

*** Be aware of deadlines.**

*** Apply for all grants that you are eligible to receive.**

1. Family Empowerment Scholarship-Educational Options (FES-EO)

As of this publication, 2023-2024 income levels are not available.

Last year, a family of four could have an income of up to \$111,000 annually to be eligible for a private school scholarship. The scholarship award is based on where the student lives and their grade level.

Age Eligibility:

- Students entering kindergarten must be 5 on or before Sept 1.
- Students entering first grade must be 6 on or before Sept 1.
- Siblings of students participating in the Family Empowerment Scholarship, including siblings of students who are eligible based on a special need.
- Dependent children of a member of the United States Armed Forces, including reservists.

Apply online @ www.stepupforstudents.org

2. Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC)

As of this publication, 2023-2024 income levels are not available.

- If a member of the household receives SNAP (food stamps), TANF, or FDPIR, the student may qualify.
- If the household income qualifies for free or reduced-priced lunch, the student may qualify.
- The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship income levels from last year served students in households at \$111,000 (family of four) or below. Priority was given to students whose incomes were below \$48,470 for a family of four.
- Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 on or before Sept. 1.
- Students entering first grade must be 6 on or before Sept.1.

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3. Family Empowerment Scholarship – Unique Abilities (FES-AU) (Gardiner/McKay)

Students need an IEP written in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education or with the rules of another state OR the diagnosis of a Florida physician or psychologist or a physician who holds an active license issued by another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Apply online @ www.stepupforstudents.org

4. FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment

To receive financial assistance, you must submit your financial information to FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment which will determine if there is a need based on the information you provide (not necessary for the Family Empowerment Scholarship-UA, Family Empowerment Scholarship-EO) Apply online @ <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3T36S> Application Deadline is **April 15, 2023**.

Current tax information is required to apply for financial assistance. After completing the online application, you will need to mail or fax the supporting documentation.

5. Kremer Grant

Income must not exceed the Federal Food Program Maximum Family Income for reduced-priced meals.

Apply online @ <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3T36S> Application Deadline is **April 15, 2023**.

6. James Murtha Memorial Scholarship

The Murtha Scholarship is for Catholic Military Families who desire a Catholic Education for their children.

Apply online @ <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3T36S> Application Deadline is: **April 15, 2023**

7. Eugene and Virginia Poschel Endowment Grant

The Poschel Grant is for Catholic families who desire a Catholic education for their children. Mrs. Poschel was a lifelong educator and was dedicated to both Catholic education and Pro-life causes.

Apply online @ <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3T36S> Application Deadline is: **April 15, 2023**

8. Catholic Parish Grant

To receive this grant, we ask that families be contributing members of a parish. To be a contributing member of a parish is to give back to God by sharing your gifts with your parish in the form of sharing your time, talents, and treasures, and by completing a stewardship card. If you do not attend Saint Mary Parish, you will need to get the application form available at your parish office after **February 15, 2023**. You do not need to fill out a form if you attend Saint Mary Parish as the Office will verify.

**School Year 2023-2024
Catholic Parish Grant Tuition Rate:**

1 Child	\$	6,800
2 Children	\$	12,444
3 Children	\$	17,915
4 Children	\$	23,266

If you have any questions concerning grants or scholarships, please contact Kristin White in the school office.