

How Can I Afford Catholic Education?

1. 2019-2020 Tuition Aid Application Process

Aid applications for the 2019-20 school year will again be processed by FACTS Management. Families applying for tuition aid in Catholic schools within the Diocese of Pittsburgh may do so by using the online links below.

[FACTS Grant & Aid Application](https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx)

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Program Information

[FACTS Grant & Aid Program Information Flyer \(English\)](https://diopitt.org/documents/2017/7/17-18%20FGAA%20English%20Flyer_0.pdf)

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[FACTS Grant & Aid Program Information Flyer \(Spanish\)](https://diopitt.org/documents/2017/7/17-18%20FGAA%20Spanish%20Flyer.pdf)

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2. Pastor Signature

A Pastor Signature Sheet (link below and within the online application) must be submitted by Catholic families to be considered for grants from the Bishop's Education Fund. You can download a Pastor Signature Sheet below or within the online application.

[Pastor Signature Sheet](https://diopitt.org/documents/2019/1/Diocese%20of%20Pittsburgh%20Pastor%20Signature%20Sheet%202019-20.pdf)

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3. Tax Credits (EITC and OSTC)

Other grant programs include funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs. If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-441-4637. Please call your school directly for any other questions or the Department for Catholic Schools at 412-456-3090. The application fee for 2019-20 is \$25. (Applicants may see a higher fee on the FACTS introductory information screens. If so, this can be disregarded.) The application deadline, unless an exception is made for extenuating circumstances, is March 15, 2019. Please use the chart below to determine whether your family qualifies for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs. Families exceeding these maximum income amounts, while not excluded from applying for assistance from the Bishop's Education Fund, are unlikely to demonstrate enough financial need to qualify for a grant.

2018-2019 EITC/OSTC Income Maximums

#of Dependents	Maximum Income
1	\$100,608
2	\$116,216
3	\$131,824
4	\$147,432
5	\$163,040

**Add \$15,608 for each additional dependent