



Dear Our Lady of Lourdes Parents,

The 2021-2022 application window for tuition assistance from the Fulcrum Foundation and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is open. **The application window will close on January 8, 2021 but I encourage you to apply before Christmas break; applications will not be accepted or considered for funding after the January 8<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

If you received assistance from the Fulcrum Foundation or OLL last year, or even think you may need tuition assistance for next school year, you will need to submit an online application through FACTS Management Company. *Due to the unique challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we urge any family that experienced a decrease in 2020 income, or thinks they may have an income change, to apply for tuition assistance. We will not be able to offer a secondary tuition assistance window for next year.*

We are partnering with FACTS again this year to manage the collection and processing of tuition assistance applications for **both** Our Lady of Lourdes and the Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant Program. **This means that all families applying for financial assistance need to apply through Fulcrum.** We will use the same information for OLL tuition assistance.

The application for the *Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Grant Program* is completed online through FACTS. The non-refundable \$29 fee covers your application(s) for one year. You will only need to submit one application per family, even if you have children in high school. The link to the application is on the attached Fulcrum information sheet. All supporting paperwork must be uploaded to FACTS; faxed or mailed documentation will no longer be accepted. You will not return anything to the school office.

If you received this award previously, I strongly encourage you to apply again. *If you did not receive any funding from Fulcrum previously, but your financial situation has changed, please apply. Remember that you must apply through Fulcrum to be considered for OLL assistance.*

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Blessings,

Becki Hundt  
Principal

## OLL / Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Application and Award Process

**All Families must apply for Fulcrum assistance to be considered for OLL tuition assistance.**

**How do families apply for Fulcrum tuition assistance through FACTS?**

**1. Families apply online and submit necessary documentation to FACTS**

- Application deadline is **January 8, 2021** – applications received after this date will not be accepted or considered for funding. **We urge to you apply by December 18, 2020, before the Christmas Holiday begins!**
- Families will be asked to provide IRS tax documents and W-2's directly to FACTS. They must be uploaded to the application. Fax or hard copies of documents are no longer accepted by FACTS. Special instructions are included in the application for those who do not file taxes or have the requested documentation.
- Link to application: <https://fulcrumfoundation.org/grants-and-programs/tuition-assistance>

**Grant and Aid website is not accessible through your Family Portal account. Copy the above link to open the application on the Fulcrum Foundation website.**

**2. Fulcrum mails determination letters to all applicants**

- Letters to secondary students will be mailed by February 10, 2021.
- Letters to elementary students will be mailed by March 5, 2021.

**3. Is there a fee to complete the application?**

Yes. It costs \$29 to apply for a Fulcrum Foundation tuition assistance grant. The \$29 fee covers all students from a family for the school year. Please note that this is a non-refundable fee.

**4. How do families submit their tax and W-2 documentation?**

Any documentation should be uploaded from a computer, tablet or smart phone. Fax or mail copies are no longer accepted by FACTS. Special instructions are included in the application for those who do not have the requested documentation.

**5. Who can families contact if they have questions about the program or the application?**

Questions about Fulcrum's programs should be directed to Fulcrum's Programs Manager, Susan Ocoma, at [susan.ocoma@fulcrumfoundation.org](mailto:susan.ocoma@fulcrumfoundation.org) or (206) 748-7988 or Fulcrum's Executive Assistant and Office Manager, Savannah Hawk, at [fulcrumadmin@fulcrumfoundation.org](mailto:fulcrumadmin@fulcrumfoundation.org) or 206-219-5826.

Questions about the FACTS application should be directed to FACTS Customer Care at 1-866-441-4637 or <https://factsmgt.com/>.

**How awards are determined**

Awards are made blind to everything except the applicant's calculated financial need in relation to all other applicants. Fulcrum uses the FACTS Grant and Aid calculated financial need value, "Family Income After Core Expenses. Fulcrum ranks families on this calculated value and award grants in that order until funds are exhausted. For the 2021-2022 academic year, grants for elementary students will be \$1,300 and grants for high school students will be \$1,450.