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To Our Current and Prospective YC Families:

Thank you for choosing York Catholic for your child's education. Please read here for information regarding tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Diocese of Harrisburg has partnered with a new financial aid assessment organization to conduct the financial need analysis and tax credit program eligibility verification. We will be using Simple Tuition Solutions (STS) for our financial aid assessment program at York Catholic. To make the process more efficient, we use an online application, which is processed immediately. STS' online process securely stores information in a compliant environment.

There are two types of tuition assistance available, with only one application required. The York Catholic Tuition Assistance Fund is funded by private donations, while the Neumann Scholarship Fund is supported by corporate donations who give to the Neumann Scholarship Foundation through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC), and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs.

All families interested in tuition assistance, through the Neumann Scholarship Foundation or through York Catholic Middle & High School, must follow the Application process through STS.

Using the outline below, you can determine if you meet the requirements of the State of Pennsylvania and the Neumann Scholarship Foundation.

- Scholarships are available to PA residents only.
- Parents combined maximum income cannot exceed \$96,676 + \$17,017 for each additional dependent in the household.

Families who do not meet the qualifying income bracket for The Neumann Scholarship Fund (EITC/OSTC), may still qualify for financial assistance through the YC Tuition Assistance Fund. In order to apply for tuition assistance, a student must be registered at York Catholic. Families interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 academic year, must complete and submit forms online with STS **before March 1, 2022** for consideration.

The tuition assistance application fee is \$25 per family via an automatic debit from a savings or checking account, or with a credit card.

How to Apply

- Applications are accepted by STS through online application only through March 1, 2022.
- One application is used per family, even if students attend different schools within the Diocese of Harrisburg.
- Go to <u>www.yorkcatholic.org</u>. Click on the STS icon at the bottom of the home page or go to <u>https://app.simpletuitionsolutions.org/register?sc=20623</u> If you happen to land on a page that asks you to enter a School or Scholarship Organization Code, you want to enter code: 20623

- If you do not already have an account with STS, you want to click on the Orange Button "Create a new account." If you already have an account with STS, click "Sign in," and enter your previously created login and password.
- Upon creation of your account you will be sent to a page that will allow you to "Start a new Application." Be sure you are selecting the 2022-2023 school year.
- The Application Process is 8 Steps counting the payment step, each step will save as you advance to the next step. You are able to use the 8-step tool bar across the top of the page to toggle back to a previous step and make any necessary edits.
- After completion of the payment process you will be advised as to which financial documents you need to provide STS. You will also be sent an email that outlines what you need to provide as well as introduce you to the application processor that will be handling the review of your application. Please Note: You can simply scan or take a photo of your financial documents and upload them into STS's system using STS's convenient upload feature. This is the fastest way to provide STS with your required financial documentation. However, you can also mail the signed copies of your financial documents to STS to the following P.O. Box address: Simple Tuition Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 779 Camp Hill, PA 17001. Once your financial documents are loaded the system will lock the application from all editing. At this point, if any changes would need to be made to the submitting application, you can gladly email STS at support@simpletuitionsolutions.org or call at 717-599-7611 option 1.

Once STS has received all of the required financial documentation from you, STS's application processors will verify the data and review your entire application per Pennsylvania State Law to determine your eligibility for any state programs. You will be notified directly via email upon the completion of this verification/review process. In addition, the results will also be available to your School or any Scholarship Organization associated with the scholarship. It is important to note that STS is only contracted to handle the verification and eligibility determination, therefore, does not have any input, control, or insight into scholarship amounts or when they may be awarded.

If you require assistance in completing an online application through STS, we will be happy to assist you by helping you complete the application at our school. Appointments are available on February 3 or 8, 2022 with Ms. Heather Dougherty, our Business Office Manager. Please contact her at 717-846-8871 x315 or hdougherty@yorkcatholic.org to schedule an appointment. If you have additional questions or concerns about the application process, you may also speak with an STS Customer Care Representative at 717-599-7611.

Thank you for your careful review of these procedures and requirements. Applicants who receive tuition assistance for the next academic year will be notified by York Catholic as soon as possible. All tuition plans will be updated in the STS portal in July 2022.

Sincerely,

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