

2012-2013 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS IS OPEN

For the 21st consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (**TAP**) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of Bishop Michael J. Bransfield to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of assistance.

Applying for **TAP through FACTS** is easy and affordable. You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the 2012-2013 school year.

- Who is eligible?** Any Catholic student accepted for the 2012-2013 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12) is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants.
- How do I apply?** Contact your local Catholic school for a paper application **or you may apply on-line at:** <https://www.factstuitionaid.com/facts/gaindex>
- Cost?** The application fee is \$25. The Diocese will pay \$12.50 and families pay the other \$12.50.
- Grants:** Diocesan grants for families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive **up to 50%** of the child's tuition.
- Deadlines:**
- Phase I:** In order to receive notification in late May/early June, applications (*including all required documentation*) should be received by FACTS by April 30, 2012 from families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2012-2013 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school.
- Phase II:** In order to receive notification in mid-to-late September, all applications for 2012-2013 (*including all required documentation*) **MUST** be **RECEIVED** by FACTS **no later than August 15, 2012. This is a firm deadline.**
- Notice:** **No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless:**
- * an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted,
 - * all required documentation is provided, AND
 - * the \$12.50 fee is paid **by the deadline**

If you have questions, please contact this office.

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