

*Epiphany Catholic School, the inter-parish Diocesan school serving the students of Culpeper, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock Counties, is committed to providing excellent academics in a fully accredited Christ-centered environment through a spiritually-guided curriculum in full accord with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.*

*Any family wishing to discuss the possibility of tuition assistance of any sort must complete the FACTS Grant & Aid application, and submit all documentation required, by March 10, 2017. We strongly recommend that you do this immediately, as the processing of documents is time consuming. If you have any questions about the application or the application process, **contact FACTS Grant & Aid at 866/441-4637.***

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**

The Diocese of Arlington offers tuition assistance to enable children to attend diocesan schools. This assistance is made possible through many sources such as contributions from parishes in our diocese, the **Rooted in Faith~Forward in Hope** Capital Campaign, the legislative efforts of the Virginia Catholic Conference, and generous donors. A description of tuition assistance along with the criteria and process follows.

#### **DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

As a result of contributions of parishes along with endowment funding from the **Rooted in Faith~Forward in Hope** Capital Campaign, the diocese provides over \$3,000,000 in tuition assistance to eligible families. A financial aid assessment must be submitted by the published date to verify financial need. Approved applications are made available to schools, along with the amount of funding that will be allotted. Schools make individual decisions with regard to the recipients and the amount of the award. Applicants must meet the published criteria, which includes being Catholic and living in the Diocese of Arlington.

#### **DIocese OF ARLINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

According to Virginia's new *Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits* program, donations to approved scholarship foundations will provide tuition scholarships to eligible students of lower-income families which enable them to attend non-public schools. In return for a donation, the donor receives a 65% tax credit on their Virginia taxes (certain regulations apply). The Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation has been approved to receive these donations. A financial aid assessment must be completed to verify income level. Applicants must meet the published criteria (page 2).

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#### **DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

##### **What Is The Program?**

The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program provides financial assistance to families in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington through the *Rooted in Faith~Forward in Hope* Capital Campaign Endowment. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition.

### Who Is Eligible?

- Students attending or accepted by a Diocese of Arlington Catholic school (K-12)
  - *Preschool and Pre-K are not eligible.*
  - *Not applicable to international students.*
- Students who are Catholic and members of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or military base parish.
- Families residing within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington and are registered and active members of a diocesan parish or a military base parish.

### How Do I Apply?

- Submit a financial aid assessment application and all supporting tax documentation by the due date.
  - Applications will be completed electronically online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/Signin>.
  - *Only one application is required per family.*
- Remit a processing fee.
- Families seeking aid for students in *BOTH ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL* should follow the high school submission date.

### Due Dates:

- **HIGH SCHOOL - January 23, 2017**
- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - March 10, 2017**

### For More Information:

- Tuition Assistance Awards -- Awards are made for **one** academic year
- Award decision -- Your school will notify you of award decisions by mid-April
- Questions -- Regarding Application, contact **FACTS Grant & Aid at 1-866-441-4637** or online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/public/inst/None/N/Y/customer-service>.

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## **DIocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation**

Funding for the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation is provided by individuals or businesses who receive 65% tax credit for their donation to the Scholarship Foundation.

### Scholarships Recipients Criteria

- Families must complete the FACTS Grant & Aid application financial aid assessment to verify income level
- Family income cannot exceed 300% of the federal poverty guidelines.
  - For Students with disabilities, the family's household income must be less than 400% of the federal poverty guidelines.
  - Refer to the current **Federal Poverty Guidelines Worksheet**.
- Additionally, recipient must be new to the Diocesan school system and residents of Virginia.
  - Transfer from public school or
  - Transfer from out of state or
  - Enroll in Kindergarten or first grade
    - *First grade students must transfer from either a public school or out of state.*

OR

- recipient must have received this scholarship the previous year.
- The Diocesan Scholarship Foundation (tax credit) application must be completed by the local school and submitted to the Office of Catholic Schools. The amount awarded from this fund is limited by legislation, but can be supplemented by other tuition assistance funds.