

Department of Education

December 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for choosing to give your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic school education, a gift that we realize is given at great sacrifice for many families. For the 2025-2026 school year, we are blessed to provide Diocesan school financial aid to support low-income families who send their children to our elementary and high schools.

To be eligible your child(ren) must meet the eligibility requirements listed on the attached application instructions. Please read these instructions carefully and adhere to all deadlines. Students attending the two private high schools in our Diocese (St. Joseph High School and Mount Saint Mary Academy) will need to seek assistance directly from those schools or from Hope through Education (https://hopethrougheducationusa.org.

Families that require computer access and/or help with the online application should contact the school/s where you plan to enroll your child/ren.

Application instructions, with deadlines, are attached and can be found online at https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance.

The deadline to submit your signed Parish Verification form to the school or schools your children attend is March 31, 2025. Award processing begins May 1, 2025. Once processing begins, any applications in "Incomplete" or "Documents in Process" status, or applications missing the signed Parish Verification form WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.

We are not able to consider an application without the Parish Verification form, signed by you and your Pastor. Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call FACTS Grant & Aid at 866.315.9262.

Thank you for the blessing you are to your children and our church and for your commitment to Catholic school education.

Sincerely,

Joseph Diskin

Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosures



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Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2025-2026 Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid must complete an online application at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. The application period opens January 1, 2025, and will officially close on March 31, 2025. Award processing will begin on May 1, 2025. Once this begins, any applications in "Incomplete" or "Documents in Process" status, or applications missing the signed Parish Verification form WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. Awards will be announced on or about the first week of June 2025.

Online applications are available in Spanish and English. The application fee is \$40 and must be paid online at the time you submit your application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

ELIGIBILTY

To be eligible to apply for School Financial Aid:

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2025—scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool, although they should be included on the FACTS online application;
- Student must be attending one of our 21 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen, and families must submit a Parish Verification Form to the school/s where they plan to enroll their child/ren by March 31, 2025. A copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form may be used by families enrolling children in more than one school (see list of eligible schools and parishes on page 2 or go to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance to view a list or print the form).
- All families must submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to each school their child/ren plan to attend or their FACTS online application will not meet the eligibility requirements for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Ald and will not be processed.

APPLICATION

Required documents include:

- Copies of your 2023 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2024 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both you and your spouse or co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Documents must be:

- Scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- FACTS Grant & Aid does not accept documents sent by FAX or Email.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If you are applying to a Diocese of Metuchen school, your application will automatically "opt in" to the Hope through Education Scholarship Program online application process. If you meet the eligibility requirements for both Programs you will be considered for either Diocesan Financial Aid or a Hope through Education Scholarship
- For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262.

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, a student must:

- be a practicing Roman Catholic entering grades K-12 in September 2025;
- attend or plan to attend a Diocese of Metuchen School (eligible schools listed below); and
- Be registered at a Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Metuchen (eligible parishes listed below) <u>and submit a Parish</u> Verification Form, signed by the Pastor, **to each school you list on the Parish Verification Form by March 31, 2025**.

School List (by city): High Schools

Edison – St. Thomas Aquinas Somerville – Immaculata

Elementary

Annandale – Immaculate Conception Basking Ridge – St. James

 $Bernards ville-School\ of\ St.\ Elizabeth$

Carteret - St. Joseph

Colonia – St. John Vianney

East Brunswick – St. Bartholomew

Edison – St. Helena

St. Matthew the Apostle

Kendall Park – St. Augustine of Canterbury

Metuchen – St. Francis

Old Bridge - St. Ambrose

St. Thomas the Apostle

Perth Amboy – Perth Amboy Catholic

Phillipsburg – Ss. Philip and James

Raritan – St. Ann

Sayreville - St. Stanislaus Kostka

Somerset – St. Matthias

Somerville – Immaculate Conception

South Plainfield - Holy Savior

Academy

Spotswood – Immaculate Conception

Woodbridge – St. James

Parish List (by city):

Alpha - St. Mary

Annandale - Immaculate Conception

Avenel - St. Andrew

Baptistown - Our Lady of Victories

Basking Ridge St. James

Belvidere - St. Patrick

Bernardsville - Our Lady of Perpetual

Help

Blairstown - St. Jude

Bloomsbury - Annunciation

Bound Brook - St. Joseph

St. Mary of Czestochowa

Bridgewater - Holy Trinity

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Califon - St. John Neumann

Carteret - Divine Mercy

St. Joseph

Colonia - St. John Vianney

Dunellen - St. John the Evangelist

East Brunswick - St. Bartholomew

Edison - St. Helena

St. Matthew the Apostle

 ${\sf Edison-Highland\ Park-Transfiguration}$

of the Lord

Far Hills - Peapack -

St. Elizabeth - St. Brigid

Flemington - St. Magdalen de Pazzi

Fords - Our Lady of Peace

Great Meadows - Ss. Peter & Paul

Hackettstown - Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Hampton - St. Ann

Helmetta - Holy Trinity

High Bridge - St. Joseph

Hillsborough - Mary, Mother of God

St. Joseph

Hopelawn - Good Shepherd

Iselin - St. Cecelia

Jamesburg - St. James the Less

Kendall Park - St. Augustine of

Canterbury

Lambertville - St. John the Evangelist

Laurence Harbor- St. Lawrence

Manville - Christ the Redeemer

Martinsville - Blessed Sacrament

Metuchen - Cathedral of St. Francis of

Assisi

Middlesex - Our Lady of Mt. Virgin

Milford - St. Edward the Confessor

Milltown - Our Lady of Lourdes

Monmouth Junction - St. Cecilia

Monroe Twp - Nativity of Our Lord

Montgomery Twp-St. Charles Borromeo

New Brunswick - Holy Family

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish of the Visitation

St. Peter the Apostle

North Brunswick - Our Lady of Peace

North Plainfield - St. Joseph

St. Luke

Old Bridge - Most Holy Redeemer

St. Ambrose

St. Thomas the Apostle

Oxford – St. Rose of Lima

Parlin - St. Bernadette

Perth Amboy - Most Holy Name of

Jesus

Our Lady of Fatima

St. John Paul II

Phillipsburg - St. Philip & St. James

Piscataway - Our Lady of Fatima

St. Frances Cabrini

Pittstown - St. Catherine of Siena

Plainsboro - Queenship of Mary

Port Murray - St. Theodore

Port Reading - St. Anthony of Padua

Raritan - St. Ann

St. Joseph

Sayreville - Our Lady of Victories

St. Stanislaus Kostka

Somerset - St. Matthias

Somerville - Immaculate Conception

South Amboy – Sacred Heart

St. Mary

South Bound Brook - Our Lady of

Mercv

South Plainfield - Our Lady of

Czestochowa

Church of the Sacred Heart

South River - Corpus Christi

St. Mary of Ostrabrama

St. Stephen Protomartyr

Spotswood - Immaculate Conception

Three Bridges - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Warren - Our Lady of the Mount

Washington – St. Joseph

Watchung - St. Mary - Stony Hill

Whitehouse Station - Our Lady of

Lourdes

Woodbridge - St. James