

St. Patrick School Scholarship Fund

Purpose

The purpose of the St. Patrick School Scholarship Fund is to provide tuition assistance to eligible families with children attending St. Patrick School. It is hoped that the fund will also help increase school enrollment.

Background

The fund was created in 2006 by the St. Patrick School Committee, along with other supporting parishioners, in response to the 2005 U.S. Catholic Bishops' call for the entire Catholic community "to continue to strive towards the goal of making Catholic elementary and secondary schools available, accessible, and affordable to all Catholic parents and their children."

How the Scholarship Fund Works

Private donations and/or pledges are collected throughout the year from scholarship supporters. Families submit an application by April 1, 2021. A new application must be submitted each school year. Eligible families are informed of a scholarship award after the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition assistance awards are announced. The amount awarded to each family is based on three criteria:

- Amount of fund donations available
- Number of eligible students
- Availability of other tuition assistance funds (Archdiocese of Detroit, Education Freedom)

The amount of the award is determined by a Scholarship Fund Allocation Committee. This committee is comprised of the parish pastor and school principal, as well as appointed advisory members. ONLY the pastor and principal will review family income information, which is held in strictest confidence.

The scholarship fund is also available to families experiencing emergency situations.

Scholarship funds are for one year and can be revoke for early withdrawal from St. Patrick School.

Eligibility Requirements

Existing Catholic school families and new Catholic families must apply for the Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD) Tuition Assistance Program to be considered for the scholarship fund.

Local tuition assistance is available for K-8 children. Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance is restricted to students in grades 1-12.

Financial need must be demonstrated.

- I have applied for the Archdiocese of Detroit tuition assistance through FACTS. (Catholic Families)
- I am seeking local tuition assistance.
- I will provide additional financial data for local assistance if this information is not available through the Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance PSAF application.

Family Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____