

DEAR PARENTS,

The decision to enroll a child in a Catholic school can be one of the best choices parents can make for their child's academic and spiritual wellbeing. However, this choice comes with financial sacrifices, and many parents struggle to afford the full cost of Catholic school tuition. In Northeast Ohio, we are blessed to have tremendous support for our Catholic schools and the families who attend them. Because of this support, the Diocese of Cleveland can offer tuition assistance opportunities to help ease the financial burden for families.

In the Diocese of Cleveland, the Catholic Education Endowment Trust (CEET) has been a primary provider of tuition assistance and grants to Catholic school students for more than 40 years. CEET is managed by the Catholic Community Foundation, which encourages faithful philanthropy to enrich people's lives in Northeast Ohio.

I am grateful to the generous benefactors who support Catholic education in many ways. They keep CEET healthy and growing so that students can grow in their education and love of Christ through our Catholic elementary schools and high schools. I hope you will find their support of great assistance to you as you read through this brochure and discover the options available in affording a quality Catholic education.

I remain,

Your brother in Christ,



Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL  
Bishop of Cleveland



Catholic school tuition assistance and scholarships are made possible through the generosity of many benefactors to the Diocese of Cleveland. If you are interested in supporting students in their Catholic education, please contact the Catholic Community Foundation.

#### ABOUT THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Catholic Community Foundation is dedicated to enriching lives by encouraging faithful philanthropy. The Foundation supports the mission of the Diocese of Cleveland to provide for the spiritual, educational and charitable needs of people throughout Northeast Ohio.



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## AFFORDING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

FAMILY GUIDE TO  
TUITION ASSISTANCE  
FOR 2023-2024



Catholic Diocese  
of Cleveland

## DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE (DTA)



### DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE (DTA)

Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) is available to students attending a participating school within the Diocese of Cleveland. Funds are awarded based on financial need. In the 2022-23 academic year, over \$3.5 million was distributed to over 4,000 students.

- DTA is awarded annually. Applications for the 2023-24 academic year are accepted from January – May 15, 2023. Funds are awarded in two rounds: the round one deadline is March 15, 2023, the round two deadline is May 15, 2023.

#### *Average award amount*

Average HS award: \$925 | Average Elementary award: \$670

#### *Non-PILOT award ranges for 2022-2023:*

High school: \$500-\$2,000 | Elementary: \$400-\$1,200

**To apply:** Families apply through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at [online.factsmgt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid).

Families with students attending Benedictine, Cleveland Central Catholic, Elyria Catholic, Holy Name, Lake Catholic, St. Joseph Academy, St. Martin de Porres, Trinity, & Villa Angela-St. Joseph High Schools should contact the school directly to apply for diocesan tuition assistance funds.

## SCHOOL EMPLOYEE TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

Renewed for a sixth year in 2023-24 academic year. This fund is an additional tuition assistance opportunity for full-time Catholic school employees of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland whose children are K-12 students.

- Award amounts are based upon the number of applications received.
- Application deadline: April 1, 2023.

Please check with your employer for an application or contact: [SEF@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:SEF@dioceseofcleveland.org).

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

### AVAILABLE NOV. 1 - MAY 1 DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Emergency Tuition Assistance Grants are available to families with children in elementary and/or high schools in the Diocese of Cleveland, who are experiencing a major family crisis and cannot meet their tuition obligation. The school should discuss options available to the family at the local level first. This may include a payment plan and/or local financial assistance. If all of these options have been exhausted, the school can request an application by contacting Cindy Williams at [cwilliams@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:cwilliams@dioceseofcleveland.org)

## SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships have special requirements and are subject to change from year to year. Please see the guidelines on the individual applications for the most current information.

- **Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence:** Awards ten \$3,500 scholarships to high school students and twenty \$1,200 scholarships to sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in participating schools within the Diocese of Cleveland.
- **Cathedral Latin Scholarship:** Awards \$1,000 to one high school student nominated by their principal in each of the DTA participating high schools in the Diocese of Cleveland.

- **Fr. O'Connell Memorial Scholarship:** Awards a scholarship to one or more students attending Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, as selected by the principal.
- **GEIS Scholarship Program:** Awards scholarships up to \$5,000 each academic year to students attending Catholic high schools in Cuyahoga County. Applicants must be refugees or immigrants or children of first generation immigrants.
- **John L. Patton Memorial Scholarship:** Offers full tuition for one academic year to one tenth or eleventh grade student enrolled at any of the Diocesan-owned high schools: Cleveland Central Catholic, Elyria Catholic, Holy Name, Lake Catholic, or Villa Angela-St. Joseph High Schools. Must have a parent or grandparent who is currently serving or is a veteran of the U.S. Military.
- **M. Thomas Moore Elementary Scholarship:** Awards four \$500 scholarships each academic year to four elementary students in the Diocese of Cleveland.
- **M. Thomas Moore High School Scholarship:** Awards \$1,000 each academic year to three students from both Cleveland Central Catholic and Elyria Catholic High Schools, as selected by the principal.
- **The Martin T. Galvin Memorial Scholarship:** Provides scholarship assistance to a student enrolled or entering a high school providing a Catholic education within the Diocese of Cleveland. Student must have a family member who is a member of the Catholic Lawyers Guild or a parent who is an attorney practicing law in Northeast Ohio; are registered at a parish in the Diocese; and are participating members of their school and/or community.

For more information about Emergency Tuition Assistance and Special Scholarships, contact Cindy Williams, CEET Grant/Special Scholarship Coordinator, [cwilliams@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:cwilliams@dioceseofcleveland.org).



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## ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (ASF)

A new opportunity has been created for Catholic School students to receive tuition assistance through an "Angel Scholarship."

These scholarships are made possible through a new scholarship tax-credit program that is being managed by the Catholic Community Foundation and the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

### TO APPLY:

Every family that wishes to be considered for an award must complete an Angel Scholarship Application Form. The process for applying for an Angel Scholarship differs for undesignated awards vs. designated awards:

- The source for undesignated awards are contributions to ASF that are not designated for a particular school. The process for applying for an undesignated Angel Scholarship is the same as for Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA), i.e., completing the FACTS application.
- The source for designated awards are contributions to ASF that are designated for a particular school. Every applicant for a designated Angel Scholarship must participate in the school's process to assess financial need, (e.g., the FACTS application for financial aid; another third party assessment; or documentation through an objective process such as free-reduced lunch qualification, state scholarship income verification, or a similar locally created process). Please contact the school office to apply for a designated Angel Scholarship.

The number of designated and undesignated Angel Scholarships awarded and individual award amounts will be determined by the amount of available funds and number of applicants. The Office of Catholic Education (OCE) will collaborate with schools to recommend awards that are based on the following criteria: Low-income applicants (at or below 300% of the poverty level) will be prioritized; once this need is met, non-low-income applicants are able to receive an Angel Scholarship. All awards will be based on financial need.



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**For more information contact your school administrator or  
Paul Gnatowski, Tuition Assistance & Financial Reporting Analysis,  
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, 216-696-6525 ext. 1032**





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# ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND (ASF)

## TO CONTRIBUTE:

Funds contributed to the Angel Scholarship Fund will be used to provide tuition assistance for students to attend our Catholic schools, and donors are eligible to receive a 100% Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 for married couples filing jointly, where both spouse contribute \$750) against their 2023 state tax liability.

In other words, the state of Ohio allows taxpayers to “spend” some of their state income tax dollars that must be paid anyway to provide tuition assistance for students seeking an education in our Catholic schools. The Angel Scholarship Fund is a win-win-win for taxpayer donors, scholarship recipients, and our schools. Please note that contributions to ASF must be made by December 31, 2023 to be eligible for a tax credit when filing your 2023 Ohio income taxes.

## Your Support of ASF:

- Directly impacts a family’s ability to afford a Catholic education
- Helps provide a high quality Catholic education for students with financial need
- Can be designated to any Catholic school in the Diocese of Cleveland



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For more information or to make a contribution, go to  
[www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel).

You can also contact Fred Roberts at the Angel Scholarship Fund Office,  
[froberts@catholiccommunity.org](mailto:froberts@catholiccommunity.org), 216-902-1312.