FULCRUM FOUNDATION GRANT & VARIABLE TUITION PROCESS

STEPS TO APPLY FOR 2026-2027

There are two forms of tuition assistance available to students at St. Joseph Catholic School. Both are need-based assistance programs:

1.) **The Archdiocese of Seattle Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Grant**
2.) **St. Joseph Catholic School Variable Tuition Assistance**

You may apply for both forms of aid by completing the FACTS Tuition Assistance Application

To submit an online application for tuition assistance through the Fulcrum Foundation's Tuition Assistance Grant Program or to be considered for Variable Tuition at St. Joseph School, go to our website http://www.stjoevanschool.org/tuition-assistance.html, click on the Tuition Assistance Application, and sign in to FACTS.

Current families: This is the same account that you used to apply for assistance last year. Once you log in, click on the 2026-2027 application. To be considered for Fulcrum Grant, be sure to check the Fulcrum Foundation box on the application.

Reminder, you will need to upload all supporting documentation, such as tax forms and W-2's. **Applications can only be verified and processed once all necessary documentation is submitted.** Total grants this year from Fulcrum will be $1,350 for elementary school students; St. Joseph variable tuition awards vary.

Each family will pay a reduced $35 fee to FACTS, this fee covers all applications for 1 year.

Applications are now being accepted. **The application deadline for Fulcrum is December 31, 2025; our school deadline for the first round of aid to current families is January 23, 2026.**

Questions about Fulcrum's programs should be directed to Fulcrum's program manager, Susan Ocoma, at susan.ocoma@fulcrumfoundation.org or (206)748-7988.
For information about the St. Joseph Catholic School tuition assistance application process, please contact Eileen Sherrill at (360)696-2586 or eileens@stjoevanschool.org

FACTS Management Customer Support
Questions about the FACTS online application should be directed to FACTS Customer Care, (866) 441-4637 or https://online.factsmgt.com/

***El impreso de solicitud es disponible también en español**

Fulcrum Foundation 2026-2027 Application Process now open

The Fulcrum Foundation partners with FACTS to manage the collection and processing of the Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Grant Program. Award decisions will be made by Fulcrum and will still be based on financial need. FACTS is able to efficiently collect and analyze the thousands of applications in detail and much quicker than Fulcrum would ever be able to do on their own.

How to apply:

Go to the Fulcrum website: http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/grants-and-programs/tuition-assistance

Families will be asked to provide IRS tax documents and W-2's directly to FACTS. They can be uploaded via computer, faxed or mailed in. Special instructions are included with the application for those who do not have the requested documentation.

Application deadline is December 31, 2025 – no applications will be accepted or considered for funding after the deadline.

Questions about the program or the application should be directed to Fulcrum's Programs Manager, Susan Ocoma, at susan.ocoma@fulcrumfoundation.org or (206)748-7988.

Benefits of partnering with FACTS include:

- Less time and resources needed at the school level to administer the program
- No paperwork turned into the school – everything is done electronically and directly through FACTS
- Single application per family – elementary and high school students at multiple schools are all included in one application
- Application is available in both English and Spanish
- Application can be completed using a desktop computer, a tablet or even a smart phone
- FACTS provides customer service via phone and live chat in both English and Spanish

Cost to Families

Each family will pay a reduced $35 fee to FACTS to apply for Fulcrum tuition assistance. The $35 fee covers all applications for 1 year.

Considerations In favor of applying for Assistance:

- If you have been awarded Fulcrum tuition assistance grants in the past and your financial situation is relatively unchanged, please apply again
- If your family qualifies for or receives free or reduced lunch, please apply
- If your family qualifies for or receives benefits through federal or state assistance programs such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Medicaid

Considerations against applying for Assistance:

- If you have applied for Fulcrum tuition assistance in the past, have never been awarded a grant, and your financial situation is relatively unchanged
- If your family size is 4 or fewer with a current total household income greater than $60,000, and you have no extraordinary financial circumstances (major medical expenses, loss or change of employment status, etc.)
- If your current household total income, no matter the family size, is greater than $125,000 and you have no extraordinary financial circumstances