

## Fulcrum Foundation 2019-2020 Application Process now open

Fulcrum 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 January 4, 2019** – 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](mailto: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 \$29 fee to FACTS to apply for Fulcrum tuition assistance. The \$29 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