



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS

THE STEPS TO FOLLOW TO APPLY FOR 2020-2021

There are two forms of tuition assistance available to students at St. Joseph Catholic School. The first is for applicants to the Fulcrum Foundation, which helps to offset some of the cost of Catholic education for families in need. The second form of tuition assistance that is available to school families is provided directly from St. Joseph Catholic School. Both are need-based assistance programs.

*You may apply for both forms of aid by completing the **FACTS Tuition Assistance Application** (see conditions on reverse side for Fulcrum applications).*

1.) The Archdiocese Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Grant Program Application

The Archdiocese of Seattle and the Fulcrum Foundation uses FACTS Management Company to assist in processing tuition assistance applications. To submit an online application for the Fulcrum Foundation's Tuition Assistance Grant Program, go to <https://fulcrumfoundation.org/grants-and-programs/tuition-assistance>. Scroll down the page and click on apply. A reminder, you will need to provide all supporting documentation, like 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 \$1,300 for elementary school students. Applications are now being accepted.

Each family will pay a \$29 fee to FACTS. The \$29 fee covers all applications for 1 year.

The application deadline for Fulcrum is January 8, 2020.

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

And/Or

2.) St. Joseph Catholic School Tuition Assistance Application

St. Joseph Catholic School will be using the FACTS Management Company to administer local tuition assistance again this year. For current families, this is the same account you have for your tuition payments. To submit an online application for St. Joseph School, go to your FACTS account [online](#) and click on apply for 2020-2021 tuition assistance. There will be step by step information to complete your application. A reminder, you will need to provide all supporting documentation, like tax forms and W-2's. Applications can only be verified and processed once all necessary documentation is submitted.

Each family will pay a \$29 fee to FACTS. The \$29 fee covers all applications for 1 year.

St. Joseph Catholic School tuition assistance application opens at the same time as the Fulcrum Grant and Aid Program. Our school deadline for the first round of aid to current families is January 24, 2020.

For local 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, for both the Fulcrum Foundation and St. Joseph Catholic School applications, should be directed to FACTS Customer Care at (866)441-4637 or <https://online.factsmgt.com/>.

Fulcrum Foundation 2020-2021 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 8, 2020 – 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 \$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