



Tuition & Financial Aid

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the annual tuition at Pope Francis Preparatory School?

A. Full tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year is \$10,970 per student.

Q. Are there any additional fees?

A. Fees associated with being a student at Pope Francis Prep for the 2021-2022 academic year may include:

Technology Fee

There is a technology fee charged for the Microsoft Surface Pro that Pope Francis Prep students will be required to use in the classroom and at home. The technology fee is \$395.00.

Book Fee

There is a \$195 fee assessed per student for books.

Athletic Fee

Hockey players are assessed a \$300 fee. The fee is waived for all other sports.

Other Fees

- AP testing fees of approximately \$94 per test for those students enrolled in AP courses.

- Student parking fee is \$100 for those who drive to school.

Q. What type of financial assistance is available to students attending Pope Francis Preparatory School?

A. Assistance is available for students attending Pope Francis Preparatory School through the school's financial assistance fund. Families must demonstrate need by applying through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. In order to receive assistance from the Diocese of Springfield, families must demonstrate need and be active members of a Catholic parish within the Diocese of Springfield.

Q. Where does the funding for Pope Francis Preparatory School financial assistance program come from?

A. The financial assistance program is funded through donations from endowments, alumni, benefactors, friends and fundraising events.

Q. What was the total amount of financial assistance awarded to students this year?

A. Students received approximately \$500,000 in need-based financial assistance for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Q. What criteria is used in determining financial assistance?

A. The FACTS Grant Aid and Assessment Company takes into consideration income, assets, expenses, family size and unusual circumstances when determining the family contribution and the amount of assistance needed.

Q. How do I apply for financial assistance?

A. You may apply online by going to the Pope Francis Preparatory School website at www.popefrancisprep.org/admissions/affording-pope-francis. There is a \$45.00 application fee charged by FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. All applications will be considered complete when FACTS has received your supporting tax documentation. Financial aid must be applied for yearly. All financial aid information is held in the strictest confidence by the Financial Aid Committee.



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Q. Is there a deadline when applying for financial assistance?

A. We encourage families to apply by February 15, as funding is limited. Applications received after Feb. 15 will be processed on an individual basis. Awards granted after the Feb. 15 deadline may be reduced according to the availability of funds.

Q. How long will it be before I hear from the school after applying for financial assistance?

A. If you have applied by February 15, you will receive a notification letter within two to four weeks.

Q. What if my taxes are not done in time to apply by the March 1st deadline?

A. If your taxes are not done in time for the February 15 deadline, you may apply using the information from your previous year's tax filing. You must follow-up with your current W-2's and tax returns for your application to be considered complete. Please note: If you choose the "I do not file" field, you will now be required to submit documentation of income.

Q. What if my financial situation has changed from the time I filed my taxes to the present?

A. If you are denied financial assistance and your financial situation changed from the time you filed, please email Sharon Smith in the Tuition and Financial Aid Office at ssmith@popefrancisprep.org with a brief explanation of your current financial situation and need. Please be specific in income changes from the previous year.



Q. If I qualify for assistance through the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment Company, will I receive the full amount I qualify for?

A. The school will assist all families who are in need and qualify for financial assistance. Since funding is limited to the monies available, we spread our aid dollars to as many families as possible. We will do our best to make Pope Francis Preparatory School affordable.

Q. If I have more than one child attending Catholic schools within the Diocese of Springfield, must I apply to each school for assistance?

A. No, one FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment application per family is required to apply for assistance. All siblings in Catholic schools should be listed on the one application.

Q. I am not sure I would qualify for financial assistance is there any way you could tell me if you think I would qualify before I fill out the online application?

A. We do not discourage anyone from applying for financial assistance. Everyone's financial situation is different, from the income levels, to the number of people in a family, to the household expenses - these all determine qualifications for financial assistance. For a conversation regarding your situation, please contact Sharon Smith in the Tuition and Financial Aid Office at 833-999-7673 ext. 1130 or ssmith@popefrancisprep.org.

