



Tuition & Financial Aid

Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. Full tuition for the 2025-2026 academic year is \$13,250 per student. International tuition is \$19,500.

The tuition fee includes the technology fee for a 1:1 device that PFPS students will be using in the classroom and at home. The books and materials fee is also included in the tuition.

Q. Are there any additional fees?

A. Fees associated with being a student at Pope Francis Prep for the 2025-2026 academic year may include:

Athletic Fee

- Hockey players are assessed a \$350 fee. The fee is waived for all other sports.

Other Fees

- AP testing fees of approximately \$98 per test for those students enrolled in AP courses. SAT testing fees of approximately \$65.
- Student parking fee is \$125 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 Blackbaud Financial Aid Management. 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 over \$500,000 in need-based financial assistance for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Q. What criteria is used in determining financial assistance?

A. Blackbaud Financial Aid Management 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 and clicking the Blackbaud Financial Aid Management application link. There is a \$45.00 application fee charged by Blackbaud Financial Aid Management. All applications will be considered complete when Blackbaud has received your supporting tax documentation. Financial aid must be applied for annually. 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 13, as funding is limited. Applications received after Feb. 13 will be processed on an individual basis. Awards granted after the Feb. 13 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 13, 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 deadline?

A. If your taxes are not done in time for the February 13 deadline, you may apply using the information from your previous year's tax filing. You may also be required to submit a current pay stub or similar documentation for your application to be considered complete. Please note: If you choose the "I do not file" field, you may 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 Robert Cestola in the Tuition and Financial Aid Office at rcestola@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 Blackbaud Financial Aid Management, 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. Yes, schools may use different systems to manage financial aid applications. We advise you to contact each school about their financial aid process.

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 Robert Cestola in the Tuition and Financial Aid Office at 833-999-7673 ext. 1131 or rcestola@popefrancisprep.org.

