

# Tuition Assistance Information

We believe every family should feel welcome and supported at our school. For families seeking financial assistance for K-8 education, we encourage you to apply through the FACTS Grant & Aid Application. FACTS provides a fair and confidential assessment of financial need.

Financial aid may come from two sources: the Diocese of Peoria Spalding Scholarship Fund and additional tuition assistance provided directly by the school. **A single FACTS application is used to determine eligibility for both.**

To be considered for the Spalding Scholarship, applications must be submitted by April 24—so don't wait!

## How do I know if I should apply?

If your household income is below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guideline and you would struggle to meet tuition costs, we encourage you to apply. If your income is above that threshold but you're facing unexpected challenges (like job loss or illness), please reach out to one of our principals to discuss other payment options.

Household Size	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
300% FPG	\$61,320	\$77,460	\$93,600	\$109,740	\$125,880	\$142,020	\$158,160

## How do I submit an application?

Tuition assistance applications for the Academy of St. Carlo Acutis are completed through your FACTS Tuition Management account (not the FACTS Student Information System used for grades). If you already have a FACTS account, please do not create a new one.

To apply, log in at FACTS Grant & Aid ([online.factsmgt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid)), start a new application for the 2026-2027 school year, and select the Academy of St. Carlo Acutis. You do not need to complete school enrollment before submitting your application.

As part of the process, you will be asked to upload your Federal Tax Return and W-2s for verification. You may begin the application without these documents and return later to upload them—just be sure they are submitted by April 24. There is a \$45 processing fee. If financial assistance is not recommended, the school will refund this fee.

For families applying for the Spalding Scholarship, please ensure you are registered at your parish, as your pastor will be asked to confirm your eligibility with the Diocese.

## When will I know the status of my application?

Scholarship decisions are made in June, so you'll know your tuition assistance status before making any non-refundable payments to the Academy of St. Carlo Acutis. We're here to help! If you have any questions, please reach out.



# Catholic Diocese of Peoria

## John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Protocols and Procedures 2026-2027

Application Deadline: April 24, 2026  
Submission Deadline: May 8, 2026

### PROTOCOLS:

A family applying for Spalding Scholarship assistance must be an active member in good standing of a parish in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

The student[s] for whom the aid is being sought must be enrolled in good standing [or seeking to be enrolled] in grades K through 12 in a Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria.

All scholarship assistance will be based on a family's financial need objectively assessed. The diocese will use FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Services to determine financial need.

All scholarship assistance will also be dependent upon the recommendation of the pastor that the family is an active member of the parish in good standing

If a student changes schools during a school year, tuition assistance grants will follow the student as long as the student is enrolled in and in good standing in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Peoria and the family is a member in good standing of a parish in the Diocese of Peoria.

All awards are for one school year only. A family must apply for Spalding Scholarship assistance each school year.

The number of grants and the amount of each grant for the school year will be dependent upon the funds available and the size and need of the applicant pool.

Payment of Spalding Scholarship Grants will be made twice a year directly to the Catholic school a student attends. These grants will be applied to the family's tuition obligation. It is anticipated that tuition assistance grants will be announced in early June 2026.

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## PROCEDURES:

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance from the Spalding Scholarship Fund must complete an online **FACTS Grant & Aid Application** at [online.factsmgt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid).

**The application must be received online by FACTS by the application deadline date of April 24, 2026. The required supporting tax documents must be received online by FACTS by the document submission deadline date of May 8, 2026.**

The FACTS application, payment of the application fee, and any required supporting documents are to be transmitted online to FACTS according to their directions. Protocol

Families must also request the pastor submit a recommendation to the Office of Catholic Schools verifying good standing in the parish.

The application process is complete only when the pastor's recommendation has been submitted to the Office of Catholic Schools and when a completed parent financial aid application, required supporting documents, and the application fee have been uploaded and submitted to FACTS. **Only completed applications, which include supporting documents, submitted on or before the May 8 deadline will be considered when Spalding assistance awards are determined.**

A Checklist of all steps to complete when submitting an application for a Spalding Scholarship is available at [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org), under **Catholic Schools** and then under **John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship**.