

Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church
Saint Elizabeth Parish School
Opportunities for Tuition Assistance (2023-2024)

Introduction: The tuition rates and due dates for tuition payments for 2023-2024 are provided on a separate sheet. Please remember that tuition rates at Saint Elizabeth Parish School are all-inclusive; that is, the rates include not only the non-refundable application fee, but also other fees often assessed separately by other parochial schools (such as homeroom fees, stationery fees, activity fees, technology fees, etc.).

Moreover, please be aware that tuition income alone covers only about 75% of the total operating cost of the parish school each year. For 2023-2024, the ***anticipated per pupil costs is \$7,900 per child***, which is the ***full tuition rate*** for non-participating and non-Catholic families.

1) Parish Tuition Scholarship for Actively Participating Families:

Saint Elizabeth Parish offers a *tuition scholarship of \$2,000 per child* to registered Catholic families who participate regularly in liturgical celebrations and actively practice Catholic Stewardship. Note that for purposes of determining a family's eligibility for a parish tuition scholarship in 2023-2024, the minimal expectation remains a total annual contribution of at least \$800.00 per year (=about \$15.50/week). All parish school families are encouraged to enroll in *Auto-Giving* (ACH) to ensure that they meet at least the minimum contribution level to qualify for a parish tuition scholarship. Thanks to the 71 parish school families who are participating in *Auto-Giving* this year.

2) EITC Assistance through BLOCS and the Foundation for Catholic Education:

In addition to the parish tuition scholarship for actively participating families, a good number of our parish school families may qualify for financial aid through BLOCS and the Foundation for Catholic Education. To be considered for any financial assistance, families must complete the FACTS Grant & Aid online application (<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>) as soon as possible. For the current school year (2022-2023), parish families have received more than \$100,000 in tuition assistance through the PA EITC program.

3) TuitionCare Program:

The Foundation for Catholic Education also offers a unique *TuitionCare* Program which generates an additional *Tuition Reduction Grant* (TRG) for all parish school families, based upon the number of Saint Elizabeth parishioners who participate in the *TuitionCare* Program each year. Since its inception in the 2018-2019 school year, this program has provided more than \$289,000 in grants, resulting in close to \$1,850 in savings per parish school family over the past four years. The TRG for the current school year has not yet been finalized. Pending the number of participants, the \$300 tuition increase for the coming school year maybe be fully offset by the TRG.

4) On-line Stars Rewards Program:

Another effective way to help offset tuition costs is to participate regularly in the now-online *Stars Rewards Program* throughout the year. For more info, call the business office (610-321-1200).

5) Parish Tuition Assistance Fund:

Parish school families who find it difficult to meet the established tuition rates may also apply for a limited amount of financial assistance through the *Parish Tuition Assistance Fund*. Those seeking parish assistance are required to complete both the *Facts application* and the *Parish Financial Assistance application* (available from the parish business office).

To clarify their eligibility for any of the above forms of financial assistance, families are welcome to contact the pastor and/or the business manager to discuss their financial situation in person.