

# FAITH-BASED EDUCATION WITHIN REACH

Bishop Dwenger High School is deeply committed to its mission of providing a high-quality Catholic education at an affordable cost for families. We believe that every student, created in the image and likeness of God, has inherent dignity and infinite value—and deserves the opportunity to receive a Bishop Dwenger education.

While all families contribute toward the cost of tuition, Bishop Dwenger offers a comprehensive tuition assistance program to support those who desire a Catholic education and demonstrate financial need.

This overview provides general information about tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities available to school families—80% of whom received some form of aid for the 2025–2026 school year—along with details on tuition and fees, payment options, and important dates.

The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program provides state funding to qualifying students that is used to offset tuition costs. Universal Choice will remove income caps beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. 2025-2026 school year awards averaged \$6,850 per student. Awards are determined based on the school district of the family's residence. To apply for a School Choice Scholarship at Bishop Dwenger High School, contact the Business Office at (260) 496-4700. This scholarship must be applied for each year at the school your student is attending.

The Bishop Dwenger Tuition Assistance Fund provides tuition grants, comprised of Diocesan support and proceeds of school fundraising campaigns, to families experiencing significant challenges in meeting tuition costs.

**Bishop Dwenger Scholarship Opportunities** are available to incoming freshmen, as well as current upper classmen, who submit an annual scholarship application by April 15th. Visit **www.bishopdwenger.com** for scholarship specific information:

- Merit-Based Scholarship: Awarded annually to top-performing incoming freshmen based on the December Merit Scholarship Exam. Typically, 5–8 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are granted. Awards are merit-based (not need-based) and applied as a one-time credit to freshman year tuition.
- Need-Based Scholarships: Awarded based on demonstrated financial need, academic performance, and
  any specific scholarship criteria. Some scholarships are renewable if the student re-applies each year,
  maintains good academic standing, and continues to demonstrate financial need. Typically, one
  scholarship is awarded per student.

The Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana (SGO) provides funding, comprised of individual and corporate gifts, to assist with tuition expenses and may be granted to a family who meets the income guidelines set by the state.

To apply for **Bishop Dwenger Tuition Assistance**, **Bishop Dwenger Scholarships**, or **SGO** funding, families must complete and submit the annual FACTS Management Grant & Aid application along with all required supporting documentation including a copy of their most recent 1040 Income Tax Return and W-2 forms. All materials must be submitted in accordance with school registration deadlines.

**Parish Scholarship Opportunities** may be available. Please inquire directly with your parish and pastor regarding the availability of parish-funded scholarships.

**Tuition and Fees** for each school year are finalized in March for the upcoming academic year and include a modest increase from the previous year. For reference, the **2025-2026 Tuition and Fees were:** 

PARISHIONER \$10,323 NON-PARISHIONER \$11,823

Note: Freshman/Transfer students incur a one-time \$130 technology fee that will be added to the current tuition and fees. Seniors incur a \$125 graduation fee that will be added to the current tuition and fees

#### **Tuition Payment Options include:**

#### 1. Payment(s) at School by Check or Cash (no fee)

Full payment by August 1st or pay half by August 1st and remaining half by December 1st.

#### 2. Semi-Annual Automatic Payments (\$30 fee)

Two (2) semi-annual payments through FACTS Management by August 1st and remaining half by February 20th.

#### 3. Monthly Automatic Payments (\$80 fee)

Ten (10) monthly payments through FACTS Management, or a partial payment at school by August 1st and the remaining balance in ten (10) monthly payments through FACTS Management.

#### **Important Dates:**

December 6, 2025 Merit Scholarship Exam
December 9, 2025 Tuition Assistance Information Night 6:30 pm
January 15, 2026 Enrollment Application Deadline
March/April 2026 2026-2027 Choice Scholarship Application Window Opens
April 15, 2026 Financial Aid (FACTS) Applications and BDHS Scholarship Applications Due
June/July 2026 FACTS Tuition Invoices Emailed to Families
August 2026 First Tuition Payments Due

#### Questions? We are here to help!

### **Tuition Assistance & SGO Questions**

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#### Indiana School Choice Scholarship Questions

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