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## Tuition Assistance

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Bishop Dwenger High School makes every effort to keep tuition costs at the lowest possible level while providing a quality Catholic education for young people throughout the greater Fort Wayne area. We understand that some families may find it difficult to fully cover the cost of tuition and fees. In order to assist families in meeting the rising cost of education, Bishop Dwenger has compiled a comprehensive Tuition Assistance Program. The Tuition Assistance Program includes tuition grants, which are a result of Diocesan support, endowment fund distributions, and from our school's major fundraiser, Saints Alive!. We also provide a number of need-based scholarships, which are a result of generous benefactors, our alumni, and friends of Bishop Dwenger High School. Some families may also be eligible to receive an award from the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) or from the Indiana School Choice Program (voucher). Each year, over 50% of our students and their families receive some type of tuition assistance.

We encourage any family, who is concerned about their ability to cover the cost of tuition, to apply for assistance. We provide a payment plan in which the family may spread the tuition payments over a ten-month period of time. We encourage you to contact Bishop Dwenger High School should you have any questions about our Tuition Assistance Program.

## Applying for Tuition Assistance

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Bishop Dwenger High School uses FACTS Management Grant & Aid Assessment to help determine a family's financial need. To apply for a need-based scholarship, a tuition assistance grant, or a SGO award, a family must:

- Complete the FACTS Management Grant & Aid Application Form by April 15. There is a nominal nonrefundable application fee. Complete one application per family and list all Pre-K through 12 students who are attending private schools for which the parents are paying tuition.

- Provide FACTS with a copy of your most recent IRS Federal 1040 Income Tax Return, including all supporting tax schedules.

- Provide FACTS with a copy of your most recent W-2 Form for both you and your spouse, as applicable. Applications for tuition assistance received after the deadline may delay, and possibly reduce or eliminate, tuition assistance. Once the applications are processed, aid is awarded based on need and availability of funds.

The FACTS Management Grant & Aid Assessment is an on-line application and may be found by visiting our website [www.bishopdwenger.com](http://www.bishopdwenger.com). If a family wishes to apply for a need-based scholarship through Bishop Dwenger, the student must submit the appropriate scholarship application by April 15, applications are available on our website. Applications for need - based scholarships will not be accepted after the deadline. Both the scholarship and FACTS applications should be completed after registration and acceptance.

## **Indiana School Choice Scholarship (Voucher)**

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Bishop Dwenger High School is proud to be a Choice Scholarship School with the state of Indiana. This scholarship allows students who may have financial constraints, attend private schools. What a great way to make Catholic education affordable! A student can qualify in one of the following pathways - student currently enrolled in an Indiana public school, Continuing Choice Scholarship recipient (Renewal), Previous SGO Award or Choice Scholarship recipient, sibling has received either an SGO Award or a Choice Scholarship in a previous school year, or student has Special Education Plan (IEP/ISP) on file with the state. To apply for a School Choice Scholarship at Bishop Dwenger High School, please contact Susan Schenkel, our School Choice Coordinator, at [sschenkel@bishopdwenger.com](mailto:sschenkel@bishopdwenger.com) or 496-4752. Please put Choice Scholarship in the subject line.

## **Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)**

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The Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana provides funding to assist with tuition expenses. This funding is a result of individual or corporate gifts. A SGO award may be granted to a family who meets the income guidelines set by the state. Your completed and submitted FACTS form will serve as your application for a SGO award.

## **Bishop Dwenger High School Merit Scholarship**

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The Bishop Dwenger High School Merit Scholarship will be awarded annually to those incoming Freshmen students earning top scores on the Merit Scholarship Exam (exam administered in December). Typically, five to eight scholarships are awarded in the range of \$500 to \$1,000 each. These scholarships are allocated solely on merit, not financial need, and are credited (one time) to the students' tuition bills for their 9th grade year at Bishop Dwenger.

## Need-Based Scholarships

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Bishop Dwenger High School is pleased to offer many need-based scholarships, the majority of which are endowed through the generous donations of alumni, parents, and friends. Typically, we offer just one need-based scholarship per student. Additional tuition assistance may be offered in the form of need-based grants. The awarding of scholarships may have an effect on the total amount of additional tuition assistance offered by the school. The deadline for all scholarship applications is April 15.

All scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, scholastic ability, and the criteria established for each scholarship. Some scholarships are renewable provided the student remains in good academic standing, as outlined, and the family continues to demonstrate financial need. Students and families interested in receiving a scholarship must submit a scholarship application, along with the FACTS Management Grant & Aid Assessment, each year. All scholarships will be awarded and applied to accounts in September.

A complete listing of our scholarships and their corresponding criteria is available on the Bishop Dwenger website, see the Admissions tab.

**Bishop Dwenger Alumni Scholarship** - established through the generosity of Bishop Dwenger Alumni.

**Bob Eifert Memorial Scholarship** - established in memory of Bob Eifert, by his wife and children.

**Brian Penisten Memorial Scholarship** - established in memory of Brian Penisten '93 by his family.

**Coach Bob Herber Memorial Scholarship** - established by former BDHS student athletes in gratitude of Coach.

**Dominic Simone Memorial Scholarship** - established by the Gase family in honor and memory of Dominic Simone.

**Dr. Justin E. Arata Memorial Scholarship** - established by Dr. Arata's children, in his memory.

**George Lebamoff Scholarship** - established by Chuck McNulty '82, in honor of George.

**Gillig Family Scholarship** - established by the family of Mary and David Gillig.

**Haley M. Nellum Memorial Scholarship** - established by Haley's 2016 classmates, in her memory.

**J. Fred Tone Memorial Scholarship** - established in honor of BDHS's second lay principal.

**James R. Shields Scholarship** - established by James R. Shields, a long-time supporter of Bishop Dwenger High School.

**Jeanine Winkeljohn Memorial Scholarship** - established in memory of Jeanine by her husband, Terry '84 and their children, Greta '15 and Peter '17.

**Jim Reifenberg Scholarship** - established by his family, in his memory.

**Jordan Allen Memorial Scholarship** - established by the family of Jordan Wayne Allen, a former Dwenger student.

**John Gaughan Scholarship** - in honor of BDHS's first lay principal.

**John Lehman Scholarship** - established by Chuck McNulty '82, in honor of John.

**Josie & Henry Schmitt Memorial Scholarship** - established by John Schmitt '71 in memory of his parents, Josie and Henry Schmitt.

**Kathy's Cookies Scholarship** - established by Kathy Hyndman's family as a tribute to her and to honor her legacy.

**Leland Boren Scholarship** - established by Chuck McNulty '82, in honor of Leland.

**M. E. Raker Scholarship** - established by the Raker Foundation.

**Marguerite Schenkel Memorial Scholarship** - established by the family of Marguerite Schenkel, in her memory.

**Mastrangelo Family Scholarship** - established by Dr. and Mrs. Michael Mastrangelo.

**Maxine & James Poinsette Memorial Scholarship** - in memory of Maxine and Jim Poinsette established by their twelve children.

**McKibben Family Scholarship** - established Chris and Doug McKibben who had four children graduate from Bishop Dwenger.

**Melissa Koors Memorial Scholarship** - in memory of Melissa Koors '97, established by her classmates.

**Michael & Kathy Panther Family Scholarship** - established by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Panther whose two sons graduated from Bishop Dwenger.

**Mike Fisher Scholarship** - established by Chuck McNulty '82, in honor of Mike.

**Monsignor J. William Lester Scholarship** - established in honor, and in memory, of former Catholic School Superintendent.

**Our Lady of America Scholarship** - established by the Kathy and Tom Fean family in honor of their son, Greg Fean '14.

**Richard E. Lee Scholarship** - established by Chuck McNulty '82, in honor of Richard.

**Richard J. Krouse Scholarship** - in honor of BDHS's first Athletic Director.

**Robert & Jane Sunderland Memorial Scholarship** - in memory of Robert & Jane Sunderland, established by their family.

**Ross Family Scholarship** - established by Andi and Bob Ross, grandparents of Saints.

**Ruthanne & Steve DeWald Memorial Scholarship** - a gift from the estate of Steve and Ruthanne DeWald.

**Saint Peter's Parish Educational Grant** - provided by the parishioners of St. Peter's Church.

**Shirley & Anthony Wagner Memorial Scholarship** - in memory of Tony and Shirley Wagner, established by their 7 children and 22 grandchildren.

**Stephen Weissert Memorial Scholarship** - in memory of Stephen Weissert '75, established by his family.

**Tim Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship** - in memory of Tim Zimmerman '67, established by his classmate.

**Tom Boyd Scholarship** - established by Chuck McNulty '82, in honor of Tom.

**Winkeljohn Family Scholarship** - established by Bob and Diane Winkeljohn in honor of their six children who all graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School.

**Winkler Family Foundation Scholarship**- established by Jane and Don Winkler.

## **Diocesan Tuition Assistance Opportunities**

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The following are additional Diocesan tuition assistance opportunities available to incoming Freshmen, as well as students currently attending Bishop Dwenger High School.

- **Parish Scholarships:** Inquire within your parish and with your pastor on the availability of scholarships.
- **Diocesan Large Family Fund:** Eligible families must have three or more children enrolled in a Catholic elementary and/or secondary school in the Diocese. One parent must be an active registered parishioner and the family must demonstrate significant financial need. The application through FACTS Management Grant & Aid Assessment is used by the Diocese to help determine this award. No separate scholarship application is required.
- **Hope Scholarship Fund:** This fund is awarded only to the students of teachers or other Diocesan employees who demonstrate financial need. Priority shall be given to teachers and then to other employees of the Diocese. Anyone wishing to apply for the Hope Scholarship must first apply for tuition assistance through FACTS, and indicate on the application their employment with the diocese. No separate scholarship application is required.

## **Tuition Payment Options**

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Families must select one of the following options for tuition payment:

- **Option 1:** Pay all tuition and fees in full to Bishop Dwenger by August 1.
- **Option 2:** Pay one-half of all tuition and fees by August 1 and the balance through FACTS Tuition Management by February 20 (there is a \$30 fee for this service) or a family may pay one-half of all tuition and fees by August 1 and then pay the balance directly to Bishop Dwenger by December 1 (no fee).

• **Option 3:** Ten (10) monthly payments through the FACTS Tuition Management Program, or a partial payment of tuition and fees directly to Bishop Dwenger by August 1 and the balance in ten (10) monthly payment through FACTS Tuition Management (there is an \$80 fee for this service).

• **Option 4:** Credit cards may only be used through FACTS Tuition Management, whether in - full, or on a payment schedule. A processing fee will be charged for this convenience. Please contact FACTS Tuition Management for more information about this service.

**Please contact the following for additional information or with any questions you may have:**

### **Business Office**

*Tuition, FACTS, & Tuition Assistance Information*

Tom Tidwell, Business Manager

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### *Choice Scholarship*

Susan Schenkel, SGO Coordinator

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### **Development Office**

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