



Tuition Assistance Information Meeting

December 6, 2022

Welcome & Opening Prayer



We Are Here to Help

- Jason Schiffli, *Principal*
- Susan Schenkel, *Business Manager*
- Molly Schreck, *Tuition & Scholarship Coordinator*
- Kim Cochran, *School Choice Coordinator*



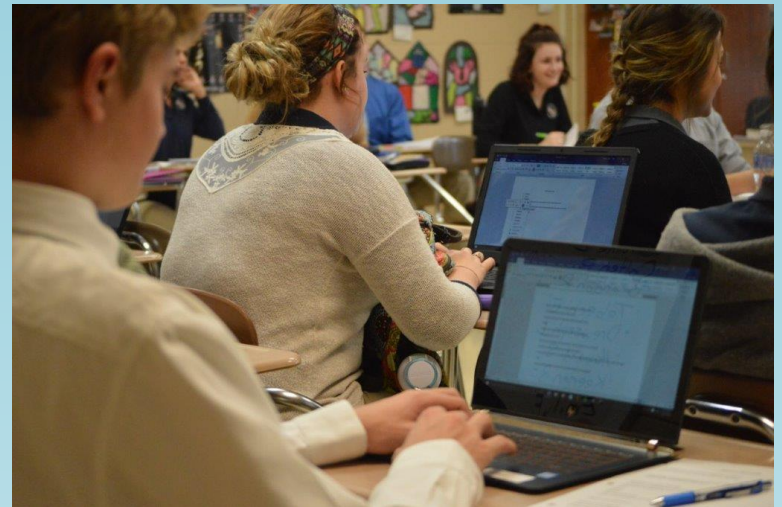
2022-2023 Actual Tuition Costs

• ***Parish Rate = \$9,123***

• ***Non-Parish Rate = \$10,623***

Note: Pastor determines if a family is an active parishioner

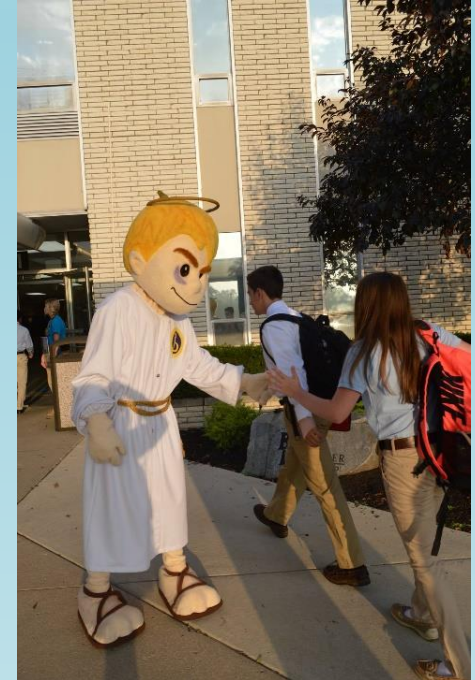
Each student is required to have a laptop. Please do not purchase your laptop until the system requirements have been finalized and communicated.



What is Tuition Assistance?

- Approximately 70% of our families receive some form of tuition assistance
- Over \$3.0 million is awarded each year:
 - Tuition Assistance
 - Indiana School Choice Scholarships
 - SGO Award
 - Merit-based Scholarships
 - Need-based Scholarships

**Our Goal:
Make Catholic
Education
Affordable for
Everyone**



How to Apply

1. FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment application found on Bishop Dwenger website. Select the menu button at the top right corner, select “Admissions” then “Tuition & Assistance”, scroll down to “Applying for Tuition Assistance”
2. Recommended Deadline: April 15th
3. Fee: \$40 non-refundable application fee per family
4. Families with children attending multiple schools complete one application, include all students and all schools for which parents are paying tuition
 - Diocese can follow the status of an application through an online tracking system
 - Analysis and financial reports by FACTS are provided online to the Diocese
5. FACTS application is required for:
 - Tuition Assistance Grants
 - Bishop Dwenger Scholarships (not School Choice)
 - SGO Award

How Much Assistance Will I Receive?

- FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment calculates need
- Bishop Dwenger receives a confidential report outlining your current financial status, based on the information obtained from your FACTS application
- Once the applications are processed, assistance is awarded based on need and availability of funds
- Tuition assistance grants are awarded based on individual family need in direct proportion to other families applying for aid that year
- A family can still receive additional assistance even if a scholarship is awarded, including School Choice Scholarship and SGO Award

How Will I Know if My Family Receives Tuition Assistance?

FACTS Grant & Aid applications are reviewed by the Principal and Business Manager

- You may be contacted by the Business Office or Principal for additional information
- Tuition bills will be sent in July, and preliminary scholarship award notices will be available on Verification Day, if not before
- Amounts will be finalized in September and accounts will be adjusted at that time
- Tuition Assistance may be adjusted based on scholarships received





Indiana Choice Scholarship

Pathways for a Choice Scholarship:

1. Previous Choice Scholarship or SGO Student
2. Special Education Student
3. Sibling received School Choice or SGO
4. Enrolled in an Indiana Public School previous 2 semesters
5. Student would be required to attend an Indiana Public School rated as an "F" school
6. Foster Track – Student placed in foster care as defined by Indiana Code

To renew or apply for the 2022-2023 school year, contact Kim Cochran at 496-4705 or kcochran@bishopdwenger.com

Are you currently receiving a School Choice scholarship?

You will need to apply directly to BDHS; it does not automatically transfer or renew!

Indiana Choice Scholarship 2022-2023 Income Eligibility

Annual Household Income Limits based on 2021 Adjusted Gross Income.
Annual Income Limits and Award Amounts for 2023-2024 will be available in 2023.

Household Size	<u>Choice Scholarship</u> <u>SGO</u> <u>Income Guidelines</u> (90% school corp. funding) (300% of fed. free/reduced lunch)
1	\$75,424.50
2	\$101,620.50
3	\$127,816.50
4	\$154,012.50
5	\$180,208.50
6	\$206,404.50
7	\$232,600.50
8	\$258,796.50
9	\$284,992.50
10	\$311,188.50

2022-2023 ESTIMATED Award Amounts	
School District	Estimated Award Amount
FWCS	\$6,392.22
EACS	\$6,147.97
NWAC	\$5,564.39
SWAC	\$5,614.18

SGO

(Scholarship Granting Organization)

The SGO award is granted by a school to students whose families meet the required income guidelines.

1. Applications for an SGO award are processed through FACTS. Once your application is verified, you are then considered for an SGO award
2. Receipt of an SGO award in a school year opens up the possibility of a Choice Scholarship for each child in the family each subsequent year
3. A student may receive one SGO award each year
4. Awards are approved in October, with a second round of determinations in January
5. Award amounts vary in size based upon available funds; minimum award is \$500

Scholarship 101

- A wide variety of Dwenger scholarships are available with each having its own criteria
- To be eligible for a Dwenger scholarship award, you must also complete the FACTS Management Grant & Aid form (FACTS not needed for Choice Scholarship)
- Students must complete the online application, available at www.bishopdwenger.com, under “Admissions” and “Tuition & Assistance”



Scholarship 101

- The Bishop Dwenger Merit Scholarship is the only merit-based scholarship; awards are allocated solely on results of Merit Exam, administered in December of 8th grade year
- All other Dwenger Scholarships are based on financial need and scholastic ability



Scholarship Application – Online

- Online scholarship & FACTS applications are due by April 15th
- Application must be completed in its entirety by the student
- Be sure to upload a Power School print out of current grades or a copy of your child's report card
- One letter of recommendation by a teacher, priest, coach, or administrator (non-family) is required
- Essay required

Scholarship Application Process

- Applications are reviewed by the scholarship committee in the summer
- Committee recommendations are made based on quality of application
- Award is then allocated based on FACTS information and quality of application
- Notification of award to the family will be finalized in September; preliminary award letters will be available on Verification Day



Future Scholarships



- A new FACTS application must be completed each year by the parent
- A new scholarship application and essay must be completed each year by the student
- Some scholarships renew based on student performance - see each individual scholarship for details on the BD website under “Admissions” and “Tuition & Assistance”

Paying Your Tuition

ALL families are required to enroll in a FACTS Payment Plan during enrollment & application

- FACTS Payment Plan Options:
 - *Full Amount - due by August 1st (no fee)*
 - *Semi-Annual - due August & February (\$30 FACTS fee)*
 - *Ten (10) monthly payments (August-May) (\$80 FACTS fee)*
- Payment Types available through FACTS:
 - *Auto-Debit from checking or savings account on the 5th or 20th of each month*
 - *Credit or Debit Card, plus convenience fee*

Free or Reduced-Price Meals

- To apply for free or reduced-price meals, complete the form on BD website under “Policy/Forms” located in the Quick Links section of the website; 2023-2024 application will be available after July 1st
- Applications should be sent to the attention of Susan Schenkel, Business Manager, by August 1st to be in effect the first day of school
- Families with children attending multiple schools will need to complete an application with each school



Business Office Timeline



JANUARY 15, 2023

Registration fee \$125 and Application Deadline



MARCH/APRIL 2023

Choice Scholarship Application window opens
for 2023-2024



APRIL 15, 2023

Financial Aid (FACTS) Application due
BDHS Scholarship Application due



AUGUST 2023

First Tuition Payment Due



Contact Information

Business Office:

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Thank You!



Be the Saint you are called to be!