

**Bishop Dwenger High School**

# Making Catholic Education Affordable for All



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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 65% 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. 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 an SGO award, a family must:

- Complete the FACTS Management Grant & Aid Application by April 15. There is a nominal nonrefundable application fee. Complete one application per family and list all Pre-K through grade 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, possibly reduce, or prevent the allocation of tuition assistance. Once the applications are processed, aid is awarded based on need and availability of funds.

## **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 may qualify in one of the following ways:

- Continuing Choice Scholarship Student
- Previous Choice Scholarship or SGO student
- Special Education Student (IEP/ISP)
- Sibling received School Choice or SGO
- Enrolled in Indiana Public School previous two semesters
- Student would be otherwise required to attend an Indiana Public School rated as an “F” school
- Foster Track

To apply for a School Choice Scholarship at Bishop Dwenger High School, please contact the Business Office at (260) 496-4700. This scholarship must be applied for each year at the school you are attending.

## **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. An SGO award may be granted to a family who meets the income guidelines set by the state. Your completed and submitted FACTS Assessment will serve as your application for an SGO award.

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

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The Bishop Dwenger 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 ninth 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. Applications for need-based scholarships will not be accepted after the deadline.

All scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, scholastic record, 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. Both FACTS and Scholarship Applications must be submitted each year.

Each year, students interested in receiving a scholarship must submit an online scholarship application (available on our website), and the parents must also submit a FACTS Management Grant & Aid Assessment. All scholarships will be awarded and applied to accounts in September.

A complete listing of our scholarships, how they were established, and the corresponding criteria to receive them is available on the Bishop Dwenger website, see the Menu dropdown, under the Admissions tab. At the time of printing, the scholarships that are currently available are listed on the following pages.

**Adele C. Nelson Memorial Scholarship**  
**Anthony & Shirley Wagner Memorial Scholarship**  
**Bishop Dwenger Alumni Scholarship**  
**Bob Eifert Memorial Scholarship**  
**Brian Penisten Memorial Scholarship**  
**Coach Bob Herber Memorial Scholarship**  
**Dominic Simone Memorial Scholarship**  
**Dr. Justin E. Arata Memorial Scholarship**  
**George Lebamoff Scholarship**  
**Gerald J. Schenkel Memorial Scholarship**  
**Gillig Family Scholarship**  
**Haley M. Nellum Memorial Scholarship**  
**Hayden Family Christian Spirit Scholarship**  
**Henry & Josie Schmitt Memorial Scholarship**  
**J. Fred Tone Memorial Scholarship**  
**James R. Shields Scholarship**  
**Jeanine Winkeljohn Memorial Scholarship**  
**Jim & Maxine Poinsette Memorial Scholarship**  
**Jim Reifenberg Scholarship**  
**John Gaughan Scholarship**  
**John Lehman Scholarship**  
**John Patrick Porter Memorial Scholarship**  
**Jordan Allen Memorial Scholarship**  
**Karen A. Schleinkofer Memorial Scholarship**  
**Karen A. Schleinkofer Saints Alive! Scholarship**  
**Kathy's Cookies Scholarship**

**Leland Boren Scholarship**

**Luke D. Barnum Memorial Scholarship**

**Lyle Cornell Memorial Scholarship**

**M. E. Raker Scholarship**

**Margaret A. Shields Memorial Scholarship**

**Marguerite Schenkel Memorial Scholarship**

**Mary Magdalene Scholarship**

**Mastrangelo Family Scholarship**

**McKibben Family Scholarship**

**Melissa Koors Memorial Scholarship**

**Michael & Kathy Panther Family Scholarship**

**Mike Fisher Scholarship**

**Monsignor J. William Lester Scholarship**

**Our Lady of America Scholarship**

**Richard E. Lee Scholarship**

**Richard J. Krouse Scholarship**

**Robert & Jane Sunderland Memorial Scholarship**

**Ross Family Scholarship**

**Saint Peter's Parish Educational Grant**

**Stephen Weissert Memorial Scholarship**

**Steve & Ruthanne DeWald Memorial Scholarship**

**Tim Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship**

**Timothy E. Shields Memorial Scholarship**

**Tom Boyd Scholarship**

**Winkeljohn Family Scholarship**

**Winkler Family Foundation Scholarship**

## 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.
- **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 will be required to enroll in one of the following FACTS Payment plans during the registration process.

- **Option 1:** Pay all tuition and fees in full to Bishop Dwenger by August 1 (no fee).
- **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).

**Please Note:** Credit or debit 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.

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

**Business Office**

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Kim Cochran, Business Office

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**Development Office**

*Scholarship Information*

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