



## St. Lawrence Catholic School 2024-2025 Financial Assistance Options

St. Lawrence Catholic School's administration, School Advisory Board, faculty, and staff intentionally strive to keep a St. Lawrence education affordable and accessible by charging less than the actual cost of education for all students. In addition to supporting a subsidized tuition model and controlling cost inflation for families, St. Lawrence Catholic School provides significant need-based financial aid. The following options are available:

### 1. Diocesan Catholic School Tuition Aid Grant (CSTAG)

The CSTAG award is assistance given by the Diocese to aid families with school tuition costs. CSTAG is available to all students who financially qualify and are registered at or have submitted an enrollment application to a Catholic school in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Parents are required to fill out a FACTS Grant and Aid application for each new school year. **All applications must be submitted no later than April 15, 2024.** An FTC/FES scholarship may not be combined with a Diocesan CSTAG award.

The link to complete a FACTS Application is: <http://factsmgt.com/parent-resources/apply-for-financial-aid/>

### 2. Step Up for Students (SUFS), Florida Tax Credit, & Family Empowerment Scholarships

These scholarships are available to Florida residents eligible to attend a K-12 public school, regardless of household income and may be used at a Catholic school in the Diocese of St Petersburg. These scholarships are administered through the FTC & FE Scholarship programs.

To apply, please visit: <http://www.stepupforstudents.org/logins>

**NOTE: The FTC & FES scholarships may not be combined with a Diocesan CSTAG award.**

### 3. Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA)

*(Formerly known as the McKay & Gardiner Scholarships)* Students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 8 with special needs may qualify for the FES-UA Scholarship. **Students enrolled in Early Childhood 3- and 4-year-old programs may not use this scholarship.**

The link to fill out an application is: <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/scholarships/logins/#unique-abilities>

### 4. St. Lawrence Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program

This assistance is provided to school families who still require a minimal amount of assistance with tuition over Step Up for Students (SUFS) scholarship awards. This scholarship is available to all students enrolled in good standing at St. Lawrence Catholic School who financially qualify.

The link to fill out a Facts Application form is: <https://factsmgt.com/parent-resources/apply-for-financial-aid/>

#### NOTE:

- **Deadlines are strictly enforced.** Funds are limited and are only available for those who complete all applications fully and comply with each assistance opportunity.
- All Florida students are now eligible to receive a Florida state scholarship or voucher. Applying for and renewing these scholarships/vouchers is the responsibility of the parent. Applications must be completed between January 1 and March 31.

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