



# Financial Aid Information Night 2021

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# FACTS Grant & Aid

## What is FACTS Grant & Aid?

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is an independent, third party company that conducts financial analysis to determine your family's financial need to assist the school in distributing financial assistance, grants and scholarships.

St. John Regional Catholic School, the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund and FOCE receive a confidential report outlining your financial situation based on the information obtained in your online application and supporting tax documents. This report, along with your family's total tuition amount is used to determine your financial need. This information is used in determining tuition assistance awards.



# FACTS Grant & Aid

To apply for scholarships, grants or financial assistance, go to [www.sjrccs.org](http://www.sjrccs.org)

- If you currently have a FACTS Tuition account, go to the “Parents” section (top right hand corner of page), click on the FACTS icon. Sign into your account. In the FACTS Grant & Aid section, click on the link “Start Application” to begin the application process. Be sure to select the 2021/2022 school year.
- If you are a new family and do NOT have a FACTS Tuition account, click on the link for **FACTS Grant & Aid** in the middle of the page to set-up a new account.
- Student must be re-enrolled/enrolled for the 2021/2022 school year to be considered for financial assistance.
- \$34.00 application fee.



# FACTS Grant & Aid

- For the 21/22 school year, FACTS Grant & Aid will require:
  - Your 2020 federal income tax return  
Note: if applicant and co-applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same year.
  - Copies of all 2020 W-2's for both applicant and co-applicant
  - Copies of all supporting tax documents if you have business income/loss
  - If you do not file a tax return, you are required to provide documentation of all income received

# FACTS Grant & Aid

- Questions regarding financial hardship due to COVID-19 have been added to the application.
- On application, use narrative to indicate helpful information regarding current financial situation.
- Must indicate parish on application
- NOTE: To be considered for any financial assistance, grants, and/or scholarships through the Archdiocese of Baltimore (AOB), Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund (FCPTAF), Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE) or St. John Regional Catholic School, you must apply through FACTS Grant and Aid.

YOU ONLY NEED TO APPLY ONCE.



# AOB Assistance

Tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be distributed using the FACTS Grant & Aid analysis program.

## **Deadline to Apply and Qualify:**

**February 28, 2021** – FACTS Grant & Aid application must be completed online

**March 15, 2021** - 2020 taxes, W-2's and all supporting documents must be uploaded to application

## **Awards:**

AOB Department of Schools will review all applications and send out award notifications sometime in April.

If you are awarded assistance from the AOB, you **MUST** “accept” the award through your FACTS account. Any awards not “accepted” by the deadline, will be redistributed to another student.



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of BALTIMORE

# Parish Assistance

## Financial Assistance from the Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund (FCPTAF)

### Requirements:

- Your family must be registered at one of the following Frederick County parishes:
  - St. John the Evangelist
  - St. Katharine Drexel
  - St. Peter the Apostle
  - St. Timothy
  - St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor
  - Holy Family
  - St. Ignatius
  - St. Francis of Assisi/St. Mary
- Your family must be an active parishioner, which includes sharing time and talent, and must contribute financially on a regular basis either through envelopes or electronic funds transfer.



# Parish Assistance

## Financial Assistance from the Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund

### **Deadline to Apply:**

- Applicants must apply through FACTS Grant & Aid by March 30, 2021.
- Must indicate Parish affiliation on FACTS Grant & Aid Application.

### **Awards:**

- Awards will be made based on family “need” and the requirements of the Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund.
- Multiple awards are distributed based on need.
- Parish awards will be made by June 1, 2021.

### **HELPFUL HINTS:**

- Make sure that you are REGISTERED at the parish you have noted on your FACTS Grant & Aid application.
- Make sure that you are using your ENVELOPES or using automatic payments when giving.
- Be an ACTIVE member of your parish!

# SJRCS Assistance, Scholarships & Grants

- **Deadline to Apply:**  
Must apply through FACTS Grant & Aid by April 16, 2021.
- **Awards:**  
School will notify families of awards July/August.
- **Funding available through SJRCS (need & merit based):**
  - **Rising Scholars' Scholarship** — *student entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade who has earned Principal's List Honor Roll recognition throughout sixth grade.*
  - **Carson Etter Scholarship** — *awarded to a student entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade who is proficient in Math & exhibits outstanding character.*
  - **Anonymous Endowment Scholarship** — *awarded to high performing student who may not be able to attend SJRCS without financial assistance.*
  - **Eliot Kelly Scholarship** - *awarded to a kindergarten or first grade student.*
  - **Saint Junipera Serra Scholarship** — *scholarship named for America's first Hispanic Saint. Awarded to K – Grade 6 student of Hispanic descent.*

# SJRCS Assistance, Scholarships & Grants

## Funding available through SJRCS (need & merit based)

- **Mustard Seed Endowment Scholarship** — *awarded to any Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade student showing financial need.*
- **Father Funk Scholarship** — *awarded to any student in any grade that attends St. John the Evangelist parish in Frederick.*
- **Margie Amedeo Scholarship** - *awarded to any student in any grade that attends St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Frederick.*
- **McSherry Scholarship Fund** — *scholarship established in the memory of Mr. & Mrs. James McSherry. Can be awarded to any student in any grade.*
- **Christopher Walser Memorial Fund** — *awarded to any student in grade K-4<sup>th</sup>.*
- **Grove Scholarship** — *awarded to multiple students showing financial need.*
- **SJRCS Annual Fund** - *awarded to multiple students showing financial need.*
- **Catholic Family Grants** — *Grants offered by SJRCS to families who require financial assistance. The amount varies per year depending on funds available.*
- **LIV On Foundation** — *This scholarship is provided by The LIV On Foundation in loving memory of Olivia Grace Dusablon. This scholarship will be awarded to a first grade, female student, who is kind, friendly, helpful, Christ-like, courageous, unselfish, and can benefit from the education and values taught at St. John Regional Catholic School.*

# SJRCS Assistance, Scholarships & Grants

## Welcome Grant

Students currently enrolled in public school who wish to transfer to St. John Regional Catholic School are eligible to receive a tuition grant of \$2,000 off the first year's tuition and \$1,000 off the second year's tuition.

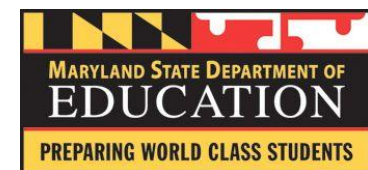
- Limited number of grants are available from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> currently enrolled in public school are eligible.
- Complete Welcome Grant Application and submit to SJRCS.



## BOOST Scholarship Program

The Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) program provides scholarships for students who are eligible for the free or reduced lunch price program and attend eligible nonpublic schools.

- Students K – 8 who are eligible for the free or reduced lunch program can apply
- Established in March 2016 by the Maryland General Assembly
- Administered by MSDE
- Scholarship Program will continue as long as the program is funded by the state.
- For more information and to apply go to  
<http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>



## Friends of Catholic Education



### ***F.O.C.E. Block Grants***

- SJRCS is given a certain number of grants to distribute – need based.

### ***Scholarships***

- Awards to Catholic student belonging to a Frederick County parish
- Minimum of “B” average
- 85<sup>th</sup> percentile composite score on most recent standardized test.
- Ms. Weber will notify parents of eligible students by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- FACTS Grant & Aid application must be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup> for application to be considered.
- Principal and Teacher input.
- DEADLINE: Completed application with **ALL** documents returned to SJRCS by March 15, 2021. No applications will be accepted after this date.

## Friends of Catholic Education



### Some Scholarships available through FOCE

- ❖ **James & Virginia Grove Memorial Scholarships \$4,000** – a four year scholarship with first consideration given to any 4<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic student (\$1,000 each year).
- ❖ **Jesuit Scholarship \$4,000** – A four year scholarship given to any 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic student to attend St. John Catholic Prep (\$1,000 each year).
- ❖ **School Sisters of Notre Dame Scholarship \$4,000** – A four year scholarship given to any 4<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic student (\$1,000 each year).
- ❖ **FOCE Scholarship \$4,000** – A four year scholarship open to any 4<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who lives in Frederick County (\$1,000 each year).
- ❖ **Nallin Memorial Scholarship \$4,000** – A four year scholarship open to any 4<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student (\$1,000 each year).
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus/Father McGivney Scholarship \$1,000** – This is a one year scholarship open to current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders to attend SJRCS. Minimum GPA of 3.0. General Adherence to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

## Friends of Catholic Education



### Some Scholarships available through FOCE *(continued)*

- ❖ **Joseph Pline Memorial Scholarship \$1,000** – This is a one year scholarship open to any 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- ❖ **Seton Dubois Scholarship \$1,000** – This is a one year scholarship open to current student grades K-8.
- ❖ **Linwood and Helen Offutt Memorial Scholarship \$1,500** – This is a one year scholarship open to current 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- ❖ **William R and Joseph A. Milani Memorial Scholarship (amount varies)** – This is a one year scholarship open to current 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Preference is give to altar servers.
- ❖ **Lois Edwards Memorial Scholarship \$1,000** – This is a one year scholarship open to current students in grades K through 8<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **Col. Mark Hoke Memorial Scholarship \$1,000** – This is a one year scholarship open to current students in grades 3 through 7 to attend St. John Regional Catholic School. Preference given to children of past or current military personnel.



# Knott Scholarship

The Knott Scholarship Funds awards four-year, full tuition scholarships to attend a Catholic elementary school or Catholic High School. These scholarships honor Catholic students who excel in academics.

**NOTE:** Last year the Knott Scholarship Funds changed its application process. All applications will be received through an application portal.

The application can be found at [www.knottscholar.org](http://www.knottscholar.org)

Click on “Elementary Scholarship” or “Secondary Scholarship”

Find “How to Apply” and click on link.

Parents can begin their child’s application beginning January 11, 2021 for the following academic year, and return to the application as often as needed until all information is completed.

## **General Requirements:**

- Open to current 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Must be a baptized Catholic or convert.

# Knott Scholarship

- Family legally resides in Baltimore City/County, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, or Howard counties.
- Family is registered and active in a Catholic parish in one of these areas.
- Now attends or has applied to attend a Catholic school in the fall 2021.
- If 8<sup>th</sup> grader: Students will be asked to include proof of acceptance from a Catholic High School when submitting their application.

## Academic Requirements:

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester grades.
- Grade of 93 in all major subjects.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 94<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher in each section of the SCANTRON Performance Series Test (Reading, Language Arts and Mathematics)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 94<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher in each section of the SCANTRON Performance Series Test (Reading, Language Arts and Mathematics)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students must take the Archdiocese of Baltimore High School Admissions Test (HSPT) and have a Composite Score in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or above.



# Knott Scholarship

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Grades will be available on March 12, 2021.

## IMPORTANT

Final applications, for those eligible, **MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM on FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021**, (Principal's portion must be submitted by this date, as well.)

- Once you have completed and submitted the application form, it will be sent to your child's current school principal. Please be sure your principal knows that you have sent an application and that they are aware of the deadline. **Your child's application is not complete until the principal's portion has been finished and submitted. You should be sure you allow adequate time for the principal to fill out and submit the required application materials before the deadline (March 26, 2021)**
- The Knott Foundation will mail results on April 9, 2021.

# Other Scholarship Opportunities

## Carson Scholars Fund

- This scholarship is awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement and humanitarian qualities. The scholarship fund is looking for students who participate in community service above and beyond what is required in school.
- Award: \$1,000 to be held in trust until student attends college
- Only one student from SJRCS can be nominated each year

### **Student requirements:**

- Students must be enrolled in grades 4-8
- Students must exemplify academic excellence (minimum 3.75 GPA)
- Students who may qualify will be notified by the school counselor by November 1<sup>st</sup> of their eligibility. A short essay detailing the students community services, outside of school requirements, must be submitted by November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- A committee will review all essays and select one student to nominate to the fund in December.
- Application requirements include, teacher recommendations, report card from 1<sup>st</sup> trimester and an essay. Applications will be due early January for submission.

# Other Scholarship Opportunities

## Caroline D. Bradley Scholarship

- This is a Full 4-year, merit-based high school scholarship

### **Student requirements:**

- Student must be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Has scored in the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized testing or above in both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Scored 20 or higher in Math or Reading on the ACT or the scores component of the SAT Reasoning Test.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Students who meet the standardized test requirement will be notified by the school counselor by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If these eligible students are interested in applying, students will need to take the SAT/ACT and meet the eligibility requirements above. ACT test dates are typically in late October, early December and early February. SAT test dates are typically early November, December and March. Applicants must include the IEA's score code at the testing site.
- Application deadline March 30, 2021
- For more information, visit  
[www.educationaladvancement.org/caroline-d-bradley-scholarship/](http://www.educationaladvancement.org/caroline-d-bradley-scholarship/)
- Scholarships are awarded in September of the students 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.

# Other Scholarship Opportunities

## Theresa F. Truschel Scholarship

Established to provide scholarships to students attending Catholic schools at all levels, as well as to provide grants to Catholic institutions and organizations which are helping those in need who require temporary financial assistance to support themselves and their families.

### **Application can be found at:**

<https://sites.google.com/site/theresaftruschel/>

The Scholarship application is only available April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Applications must be postmarked by April 30th.

For more information:

P: (410) 494-4463

[TheresaFTruschel@gmail.com](mailto:TheresaFTruschel@gmail.com)

[theresaftruschel.googlepages.com](https://sites.google.com/site/theresaftruschel/)

# Other Scholarship Opportunities

## Folds of Honor Children's Fund Scholarship

The Folds of Honor Children's Fund Scholarship program seeks to provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service-members.

**Applications can be found at:**

<https://www.foldsofhonor.org/resources/scholarships/>

The Scholarship application opens on February 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM

For more information:

Go to: <https://www.foldsofhonor.org/>

# SCRIP GIFT CARD PROGRAM

## Anyone Can Earn Tuition Credit with SCRIP!

SCRIP offers gift cards or certificates from over 300 national and local retailers.

They're the same gift cards that you can buy at the store, but you earn tuition credit with SCRIP gift cards when you purchase them through our program.





# SCRIP

## Examples of how much you can earn in tuition credit:



- Amazon – 2.25%
- Starbucks – 7%
- Regal Entertainment – 8%
- Macy's – 10%
- Land's End – 15%
- Chili's – 11%
- Panera Bread – 8%
- Dick's – 8%

# SCRIP

## FAQ's about SJRCS SCRIP Program

- No minimum orders for families.
- Order SCRIP (physical gift cards) every week.
- SCRIP NOW (printable at home) and Re-Load of physical card can be ordered and effective immediately.
- Credits applied directly to your tuition.
- Tuition credit transfers to Catholic High School within the AOB.
- No checks to write, mail, or drop off – we use online payments, (PrestoPay) through SCRIP, or you can use your credit card.
- Friends or Grandparents can also participate and donate those credits to your child(ren).

# FOCE FOOD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

## How Does It Work?



- Order & Purchase grocery gift cards as you need them through a SJRCS Captain to earn tuition credits.
- Pick up your order and use!
- Credits are reported monthly to the school and applied to your FACTS Tuition account.
- Friends or Grandparents can also participate and donate those credits to your child(ren).

# FOCE Food Credits

Where can I shop and how much can I earn for my tuition credit?

Participating Stores:



4%



4%



4%



4%



4%

## How do I sign up?

**Register to participate with a  
SJRCS Captain tonight!**

### **Your SJRCS Captains:**

- Angela Stahl      240-357-3960  
                                 angela.m.stahl@gmail.com
- Jennifer Workman   301-845-9899  
                                 301-906-9045  
                                 jworkman203@yahoo.com

For more information, visit Friends of Catholic Education Website at  
<http://www.friendsofcatholiced.org>.



# Impressive....

In the past 5 years, SJRCS families have saved well  
over

**\$285,000**

on their tuition payments by taking advantage of  
the SCRIP and FOCE programs!

# SJRCS Referral Program

## Referral Program for Current Families

Did you know that you can earn \$350.00 in tuition credits for every new student that you refer to SJRCS?

There are only a few rules....

- The referred family must indicate on the New Student Application Form the name of the family that referred them.
- The \$350.00 Referral Credit will be awarded to the referring family once the new student is accepted and begins school at SJRCS.
- Referral credits will be applied to FACTS Tuition accounts once they are earned.



# Tuition Credits for Volunteering

## Parents in Partnership Volunteer Program

Parents and guardians of the students at St. John Regional Catholic School are encouraged to become actively involved by volunteering here at school.

Parents may receive a discount off their tuition in the amount of \$10 an hour up to 30 hours per student. This can reduce each student's tuition by \$300 each.

Pre-K half day students can earn a \$150 reduction in tuition by volunteering 15 hours a year.

### **Example**

Student 1            30 hours of volunteering equals \$300 tuition reduction

Student 2            60 hours of volunteering equals \$600 tuition reduction

Student 3            90 hours of volunteering equals \$900 tuition reduction

½ day Students    15 hours of volunteering equals \$150 tuition reduction

**All volunteers must be VIRTUS certified  
when volunteering for any activity at school !**



# Questions

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# Answers



# Important Dates/Deadlines

## **FACTS Grant & Aid Deadlines (need only apply one time)**

Archdiocese of Baltimore

Application - Due February 28

2020 Taxes/Supporting Documents Uploaded - Due March 15

Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund

March 30<sup>th</sup>

FOCE

March 15<sup>th</sup>

SJRCS Grants & Aid

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Go to [www.sjrccs.org](http://www.sjrccs.org)

If you are a returning student, in the “Parents” section, click on the FACTS icon to log into your account. Go to the “FACTS Grant & Aid” section and begin the application process. Make sure that you select the 2021 Application Year.

If you are a new student, click on the “FACTS Grant & Aid” circle found in the middle section of the SJRCS home page. Set-up a new account and follow the prompts.

## **FOCE Scholarships**

Notify Parents of Eligibility: March 1, 2021

Completed Applications Due back to SJRCS: March 15, 2021

## **KNOTT Scholarship**

2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Grades Available: March 12, 2021

Completed Applications Due: March 26, 2021 at 5:00PM (Submitted online)

**Welcome Grant:** Limited number available – November 1, 2020 through March 30, 2021

**BOOST Scholarship:** Application available sometime in April, deadline usually in May.

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

