

Financial Aid Information Night 2019

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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 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

- If you currently have a FACTS Tuition account, click on the **FACTS Tuition** link under QUICK LINKS and log in. In the FACTS Grant & Aid section, click on the link “Start Application” to begin the application process. Be sure to select the 2019/2020 school year.
- If you are a new family and do NOT have a FACTS Tuition account, click on the link for **FACTS Grant & Aid** under QUICKLINKS to set-up an account.
- Must be re-enrolled/enrolled for the 2019/2020 school year to be considered for financial assistance.
- \$30.00 application fee.



FACTS Grant & Aid

- Use narrative area on application to indicate helpful notes about current financial situation.
- Must indicate parish on application
- NOTE: To be considered for any financial assistance, grants, and/or scholarships, you must apply through FACTS Grant and Aid.

AOB Assistance

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

Deadline to Apply:

Families need to complete the FACTS application process by February 28th for AOB consideration.

Awards:

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

Note: The Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund and SJRCS will make their own awards and send notifications to families.



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Parish Assistance

Financial Assistance from the Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund

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, 2019.
- 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.
- Parishes awards will be made by June 1, 2019.

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F.O.C.E. 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% or higher on composite score on most recent standardized test.
- Ms. Stevenson will notify parents of eligible students by 3/15/19.
- **FACTS Grant & Aid application must be submitted for scholarship application to be considered.**
- Principal and Teacher input.
- DEADLINE: Completed application with **ALL** documents by April 1, 2019. No applications will be accepted after this date.

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Some Scholarships available through FOCE

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

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Some Scholarships available through FOCE *(continued)*

- ❖ **Joseph Pline Memorial Scholarship \$1,000** – This is a one year scholarship open to any 3rd through 8th 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 3rd through 8th grade students.
- ❖ **William R and Joseph A. Milani Memorial Scholarship (amount varies)** – This is a one year scholarship open to current 5th through 8th 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 8th
- ❖ **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

- Open to current 4th & 8th grade students.
- Must be a baptized Catholic or convert.
- Family legally resides in Baltimore City, 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 2019.
- Academic Requirements:
 - 1st & 2nd Trimester grades.
 - A/A+ in all major subjects.
 - 94 percentile or higher in Total Reading, Language, and Total Math on nationally standardized test (4th grade).
 - 94 percentile or higher in Total Reading, Total Language, and Total Math on nationally standardized test (8th grade).
- Ms. Stevenson will let parents know student eligibility the week of March 11th
- Final applications, for those eligible, are due back to the school by March 18th
- The Knott Foundation will mail results on April 5th, 2019.



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HENRY J. KNOTT
FOUNDATION

SJRCS Assistance, Scholarships & Grants

- **Deadline to Apply:**
Must apply through FACTS Grant & Aid by April 13, 2019.
- **Awards:**
School will notify families of awards July/August.
- **Funding available through SJRCS (need & merit based):**
 - **Rising Scholars' Scholarship** — *student entering 6th grade who has earned Principal's List Honor Roll recognition throughout fifth grade.*
 - **Carson Etter Scholarship** — *awarded to a student entering 4th 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.*
 - **Principal's Scholarship** — *awarded to any student K-8.*
 - **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)

- **PRIDE Scholarship** — *The PRIDE program serves children grades 3-8 who have been diagnosed with mild to moderate learning disabilities. There is an extra fee for this program. This scholarship covers the cost of the additional fee for a student with financial need.*
- **Mustard Seed Endowment Scholarship** — *awarded to any Pre-K through 6th 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 – 4th.*
- **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.*

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 1st through March 30th.
- Students in grades 2nd through 6th currently enrolled in public school are eligible.
- Active parishioner at one of our Regional Parishes.
- Complete Welcome Grant Application and submit to SJRCS.



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 !**

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....

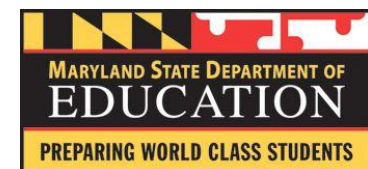
- The referred family must indicate on the New Student Application Form the name of the family that referred them.
- The \$350.00 Referral Credit will be awarded to the referring family once the new student is accepted and begins school at SJRCS.
- Referral credits will be applied to FACTS Tuition accounts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



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 lunch 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>



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 1st of their eligibility. A short essay detailing the students community services, outside of school requirements, must be submitted by November 30th.
- 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 1st 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 7th grade.
- Has scored in the 97th percentile on standardized testing or above in both 5th and 6th 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 1st. 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 early April.
- For more information, visit
www.educationaladvancement.org/caroline-d-bradley-scholarship/
- Scholarships are awarded in September of the students 8th 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:

www.theresafruschel.googlepages.com

The Scholarship application is only available April 1st through April 30th.

Applications must be postmarked by April 30th.

For more information:

P: (410) 494-4463

TheresaFTruschel@gmail.com

theresafruschel.googlepages.com

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 is only available February 1st through March 31st.

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.

Examples of how much you can earn in tuition credit:



- Starbucks – 7%
- Regal Entertainment – 8-10%
- Macy's – 10%
- Payless Shoe Source – 13%
- Land's End – 16%
- Macaroni Grill – 11%
- Barnes & Noble – 9%
- Sports Authority – 8%
- Panera Bread – 9%

FAQ's about SJRCS SCRIP Program

- No minimum orders for families.
- Order SCRIP (physical gift cards) every other week.
- SCRIP NOW or Re-Load of physical card can be ordered and effective immediately.
- Credits applied directly to your tuition monthly.
- Tuition credit transfers to Catholic High School within the AOB.
- No checks to write, mail, or drop off – we use PrestoPay.

FOCE FOOD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

How Does It Work?



- Order & Purchase food certificate debit 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, Grandparents, Guardians can 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%

FOCE Food Credits

How do I sign up?

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

Your SJRCS Captains:

- Angela Stahl 240-357-3960 Frederick/Mt.Airy/New Market/Middletown
angela.m.stahl@gmail.com
- Jennifer Workman 301-845-9899 Frederick/Urbana/Walkersville/Thurmont
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

\$335,000

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

Questions

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Answers

