

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION PROCESS 2018-2019

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School

The following explains the application process for all families requesting tuition assistance at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School for 2018-2019 school year

STATEMENT OF POLICY

The financial assistance program at Saint Thomas Aquinas is only possible because of the tremendous financial support of the Johnson County Catholic parishes. We are fully aware of the fact that Catholic secondary education is a tremendous commitment and sacrifice for each family. It is our intent that Saint Thomas Aquinas High School will do everything possible to meet the evidenced need provided by the families in order to help make a Catholic secondary education possible for their children.

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School uses **FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment** to provide an extensive independent third party analysis of each family's need based on a predetermined set of objective criteria and is determined solely upon the information presented in the FACTS application. The same criteria will be used for each family's application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Each family who desires consideration for financial assistance must complete the FACTS Grant and Aid application form completely and attach all supporting documentation as requested. There will be \$30 application processing fee for each family payable to FACTS.

The FACTS application and information is all located under financial assistance in the "online registration" tab on the front page of our website at www.stasaints.net. All information presented will be confidential and secure. Once the application is complete, FACTS will independently assess all the information compiled and forward to us a determination of the financial need based on a common formula that will be used for every family who makes an application. Based on this initial determination, Saint Thomas Aquinas will inform you of your grant award for your family for the 2018-2019 school year. **Families who have received assistance in the past must re-apply each school year.**

All applications must be complete or they will not be processed for consideration pending the necessary information. This includes a copy of a supporting IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or another approved documentation supporting the income information provided on the application

Further, your financial aid award cannot be processed until you have registered your child and all registration fees have been paid.

AWARD CRITERIA

Each family will be given a tuition figure that reflects a determination based on ability to pay using a common criteria.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

For earliest consideration, all necessary information as noted on the **application must be completed by April 15, 2018**. This will allow for the quickest determination of the amount of assistance you may expect. Should you require an extension beyond April 15th or your financial circumstances dramatically change, please contact Dr. Ford in writing at Saint Thomas Aquinas. You may contact him via e-mail at wpford@stasaints.net.

PLEASE NOTE: FAMILIES NEW TO SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, INCLUDING NEW FRESHMAN FAMILIES, CAN MAKE AN APPLICATION AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION OR CAN APPLY BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2017, USING YOUR 2016 TAX INFORMATION.

SPECIAL/EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

In some cases special circumstances do exist which will affect a family's ability to pay and generally cannot be determined by the information on the application. Those with special considerations should note them on the application or contact Dr. Ford at Saint Thomas Aquinas.

LIMITATIONS

Unfortunately, because of the number of applications and budget considerations, Saint Thomas Aquinas may be unable to meet the requests of all applicants.

QUESTIONS

All questions regarding the Saint Thomas Aquinas financial assistance program should be directed to Dr. Ford at (913) 319-2404 or via e-mail at wpford@stasaints.net.