

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION 2017-2018

## Saint Thomas Aquinas High School

Attached to this cover letter is the application that needs to be completed by families requesting tuition assistance at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School.

### 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. **In order to be eligible for any financial assistance, you must be a contributing member of a Johnson County Catholic parish.**

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 presented by the families on the attached application in order to help make a Catholic secondary education possible for their children.

Further, each family's need is judged using a predetermined set of objective criteria based solely upon the information presented in the application. The same criteria will be used for each application. The criteria for determining need-based financial assistance are the same for all three Johnson County High Schools (Bishop Miege, Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint James Academy). Generally, the final tuition costs for a family will be the same at each school.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Each family who desires consideration for financial assistance must complete the application form completely and attach all supporting documentation as requested. All information presented will be confidential and the family financial information known only to the Saint Thomas Aquinas President. The determination of what part of the full tuition charge the family can afford to pay will be based solely upon the predetermined objective criteria. **Families who have received assistance in the past must re-apply each school year.**

All applications must be complete or they will be returned for the necessary information. This includes a copy of a supporting IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or another approved document supporting the income information provided on the application.

**Your financial aid application 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.

### APPLICATION TIMELINE

For earliest consideration, all necessary information as noted on the application must be returned by April 15, 2017. 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](mailto:wpford@stasaints.net).**

**PLEASE NOTE: FAMILIES NEW TO SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, INCLUDING NEW FRESHMAN FAMILIES, CAN MAKE AN APPLICATION AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.**

### 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. Special circumstances may include, but are not limited to: the size of family, the number of younger students in Catholic elementary schools, extraordinary medical expenses, the number of older children in college, etc. 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](mailto:wpford@stasaints.net).