

Dear Friends,

The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport offer children and their families an opportunity for growth and success through lifetime learning and faith formation.

Our Catholic schools offer a strong academic program and a values-based approach centered on a relationship with Jesus Christ in a safe and secure learning community.

By way of encouraging more families the opportunity to realize a Catholic education for their children, I established the Bishop's Scholarship Fund in 2015. The Bishop's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance on an annual basis for students to attend Diocesan-sponsored elementary schools. Through the generosity of donors who believe in the mission of our Catholic schools, the Bishop's Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to students with a demonstrated need, including families with more than one child enrolled in our schools.

I am extraordinarily proud of our students, who achieve so much, in academics, athletics and in service to others. I am even more encouraged by their life of faith and virtue. Every day our children rise to the challenge of greatness and allow God to shine through them.

The Bishop's Scholarship Fund will make it possible for us to pass on the great gift of Catholic education to future generations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Frank J. Caggiano*

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
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Bishop's Scholarship Fund

Tuition Assistance Program, sponsored by Foundations in Education, for K-8 students within Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary schools in Fairfield County



“I know that this scholarship will help me get one step closer to becoming an engineer which is my aspiration when I grow up.” - Patrick, Grade 8

“If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have gone to my amazing school. Every day I think about how lucky I am to have this support.” - Vanessa, Grade 7

The mission of the **Bishop's Scholarship Fund** is to help families in need afford a Catholic Education.

All families who have a child or children registered, or are new applicants, in a Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary school in Fairfield County (Grades K -8) and are in financial need of tuition assistance are encouraged to apply.

Applications open February 1.

“Thanks to the Bishop's Scholarship Fund, my daughter was able to transition into Catholic school and experience a new self-image and motivation. I hope her story will help others look into Catholic school!” - Mother of Nora, Grade 6



WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?

The deadline to apply is March 15 for *returning* students and April 15 for *new* students. Only completed FACTS Grant & Aid applications submitted online by the deadline with all required supporting documents will be considered.

HOW IS TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARDED?

Tuition assistance is awarded to eligible students based on:

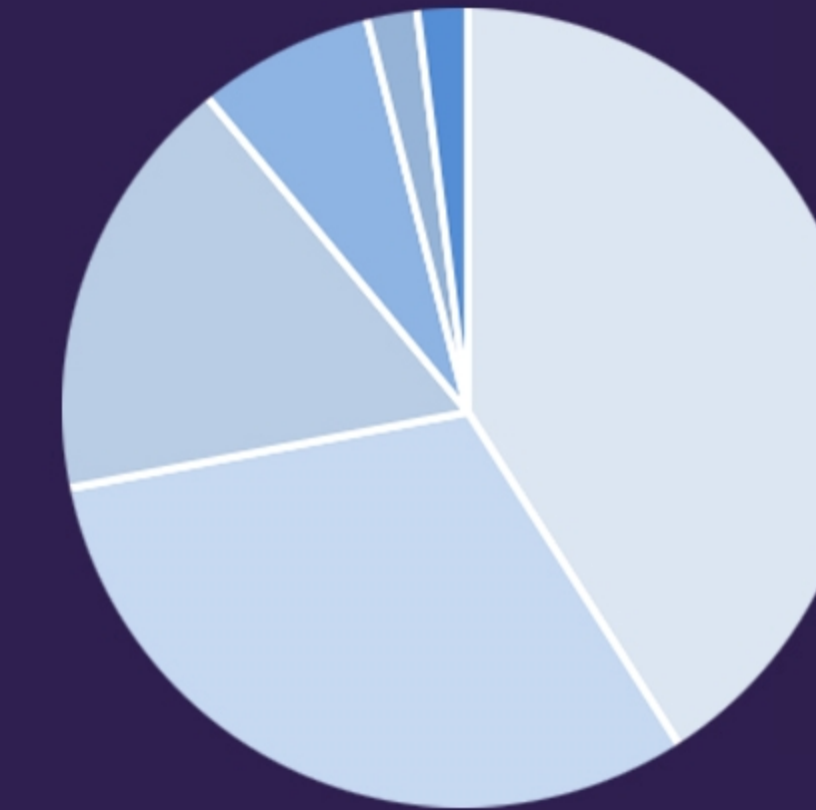
- ◆ Program eligibility and financial need
- ◆ Timing of completed application submission
- ◆ Confirmation of school registration



1,351 students awarded
\$3,073,980



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
2023-2024



54%
raised by single parents



54%
qualify for free/reduced lunch



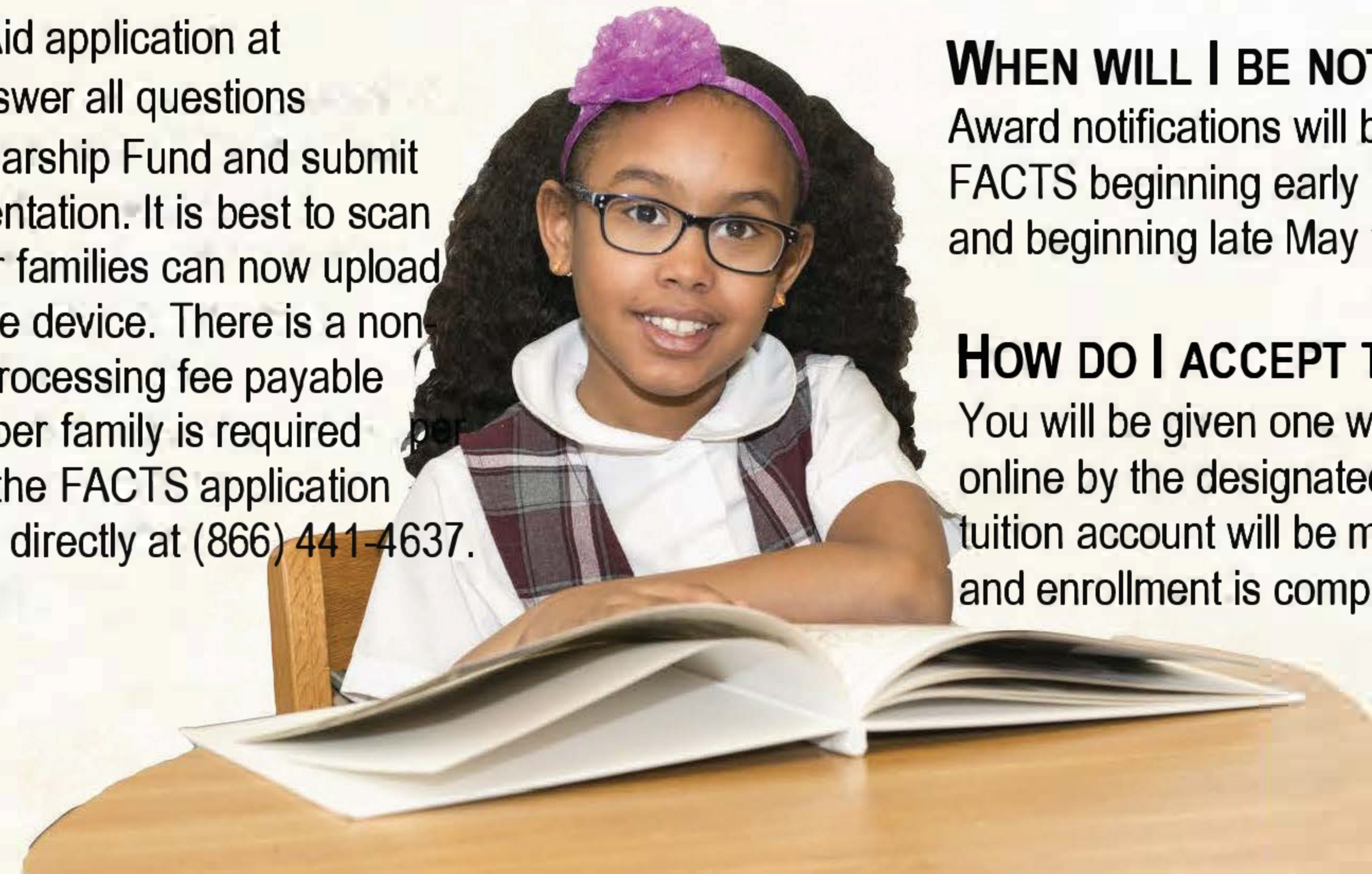
\$61,688 average family income
\$44,589 median family income

WHO CAN APPLY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE?

All families who have a child or children registered, or are new applicants, in a Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary school in Fairfield County (Grades K-8) and are in financial need of tuition assistance may apply.

HOW TO APPLY?

Complete the FACTS Grant & Aid application at www.FACTSmgt.com/aid, answer all questions applicable to the Bishop's Scholarship Fund and submit the required supporting documentation. It is best to scan and upload documents however families can now upload JPEG or PDF form from a mobile device. There is a non-refundable \$30.00 application processing fee payable by credit card. One application per family is required annually. For any questions on the FACTS application process, please contact FACTS directly at (866) 441-4637.



WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF A DECISION?

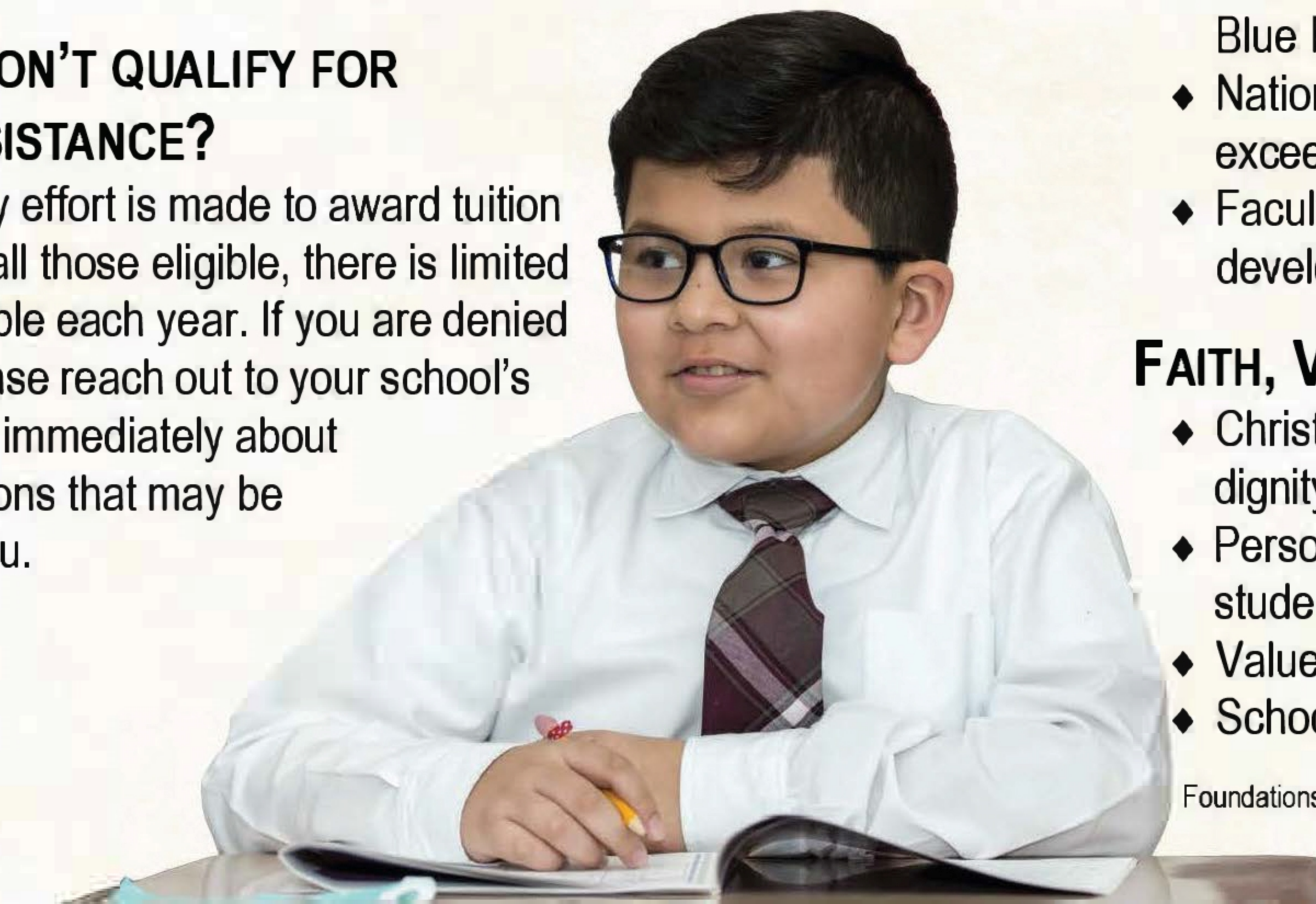
Award notifications will be emailed through FACTS beginning early May to *returning* families and beginning late May to *new* families.

HOW DO I ACCEPT THE AWARD?

You will be given one week to accept the award online by the designated deadline. Credit to your tuition account will be made once your registration and enrollment is complete and verified.

WHAT IF I DON'T QUALIFY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE?

Although every effort is made to award tuition assistance to all those eligible, there is limited funding available each year. If you are denied an award, please reach out to your school's administration immediately about additional options that may be available to you.



OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FORM, INFORM AND TRANSFORM

THE LIVES OF STUDENTS BY OFFERING:

EXCELLENT ACADEMICS

- ◆ 50% of our elementary schools achieved the National Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award
- ◆ Nationally recognized curriculum mapping process exceeds Connecticut state standards
- ◆ Faculty participate in highest caliber professional development

FAITH, VALUES AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ Christ-centered learning communities embrace the dignity and uniqueness of every child
- ◆ Personalized approach to education challenges all students to develop their God-given gifts and talents
- ◆ Values taught at home are reinforced in school
- ◆ School communities are safe and secure

Foundations in Education does not discriminate based on race, creed, gender or color.