



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TUITION ASSISTANCE ENDOWMENT

OVERVIEW

The Diocesan Tuition Grant Program is intended to provide assistance to families seeking a Catholic education in the Arlington diocesan schools. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition.

- Average elementary school tuition is \$4,955 per year
- Average grant for elementary tuition is \$2,500 per year
- Average high school tuition is \$11,422 per year
- Average grant for high school tuition is \$3,700



Students in Science Class

ROOTED IN FAITH ~ FORWARD IN HOPE UPDATE

The Catholic School Tuition Assistance Endowment was established in 2002, with \$10 million from the *Rooted in Faith ~ Forward in Hope* Capital Campaign. This seed money helped to begin an endowment that has provided an additional revenue source for tuition assistance.

The endowment fund has grown to \$14.8 million (as of 11/30/10) and distributes over \$500,000 annually toward tuition assistance. In 2010 alone, the endowment provided over \$530,000 in additional income for tuition assistance. For the 2009-10 academic school year, close to 750 Catholic School students received \$2.3 million in tuition assistance. * Unfortunately, the demonstrated need for the 2010-11 school year from the 3,100 families who applied, was over \$5 million, this meant that 2,350 families who had a demonstrated financial need, but were unable to receive tuition assistance due to the lack of funds available.



Reading Program

BISHOP'S VISION

Bishop Loverde would like to see our diocese eventually meet the demonstrated financial assistance need of \$5 million. The diocese's long-term goal is to increase the Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Endowment to \$50 million in order to better serve those who wish to attend Catholic school but will need financial assistance to do so.

* The annual 2 percent parish assessment fee provided \$1.7M for tuition assistance in 2010.

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SUCCESS STORY

Blue Ribbon School



Two Diocese of Arlington schools received Blue Ribbon School of Excellence awards from the U.S. Department of Education. They were the only three non-public schools in the State of Virginia to receive the award. The schools are:

2010 Blue Ribbon Schools

Saint Ambrose, Annandale

Saint Theresa, Ashburn

“We congratulate these schools – students, teachers, administrators, pastors and parents – on the occasion of receiving this award. To be recognized in the top 10 percent of the schools in the nation is an honor which can only be accomplished through the efforts of all. Our parents make many sacrifices to send their children to faith-based schools. This recognition gives them some evidence of the value of that choice. Bishop Paul S. Loverde joins me in congratulating these schools,” said Sr. Bernadette McManigal, Superintendent of Schools.

The awards are given on the basis of a comprehensive educational program and the results of standardized test scores which place them in the top ten percent of schools in the nation. In total, 18 of the 43 Arlington diocesan schools – over 40 percent – have been named Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence.

Blue Ribbon Schools are “schools whose students, regardless of backgrounds, are high performing. These are schools ranked among the state’s highest performing schools as measured by their performance on state assessments or in the case of private schools, that score at the highest performance level on tests referenced by national norms in at least the most recent year tested.”

