

**Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools Office
Tuition Assistance Information Sheet
For Parents – Provided by Principals**

The Diocese of Baton Rouge strives to assist families with the opportunity for providing a Catholic school education for their children through various funding streams.

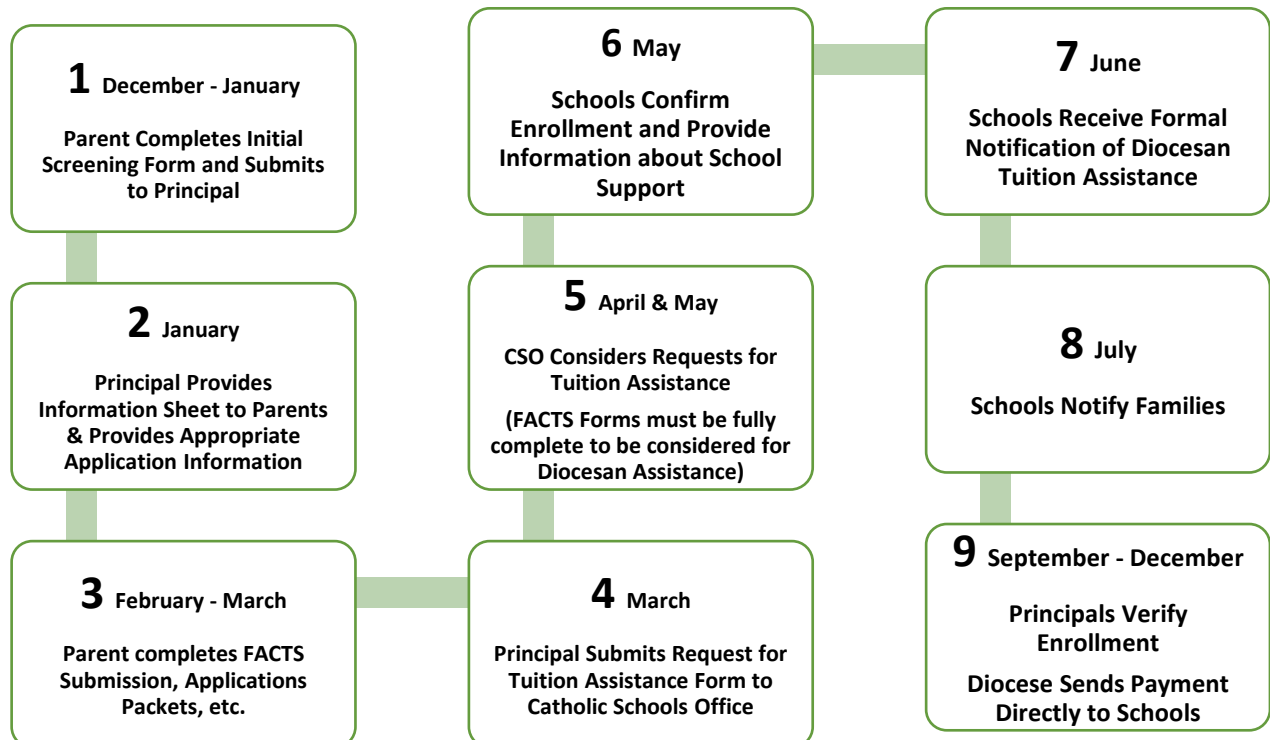
Tuition assistance may be available to both Catholic and non-Catholic families through state tuition programs or through funds coordinated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools Office.

The information provided below can help a parent understand the process for applying for tuition assistance. Application for assistance is not a guarantee that assistance will be provided.

All required information must be submitted timely by parents, and a free-reduced lunch application must be completed to be considered for tuition assistance.

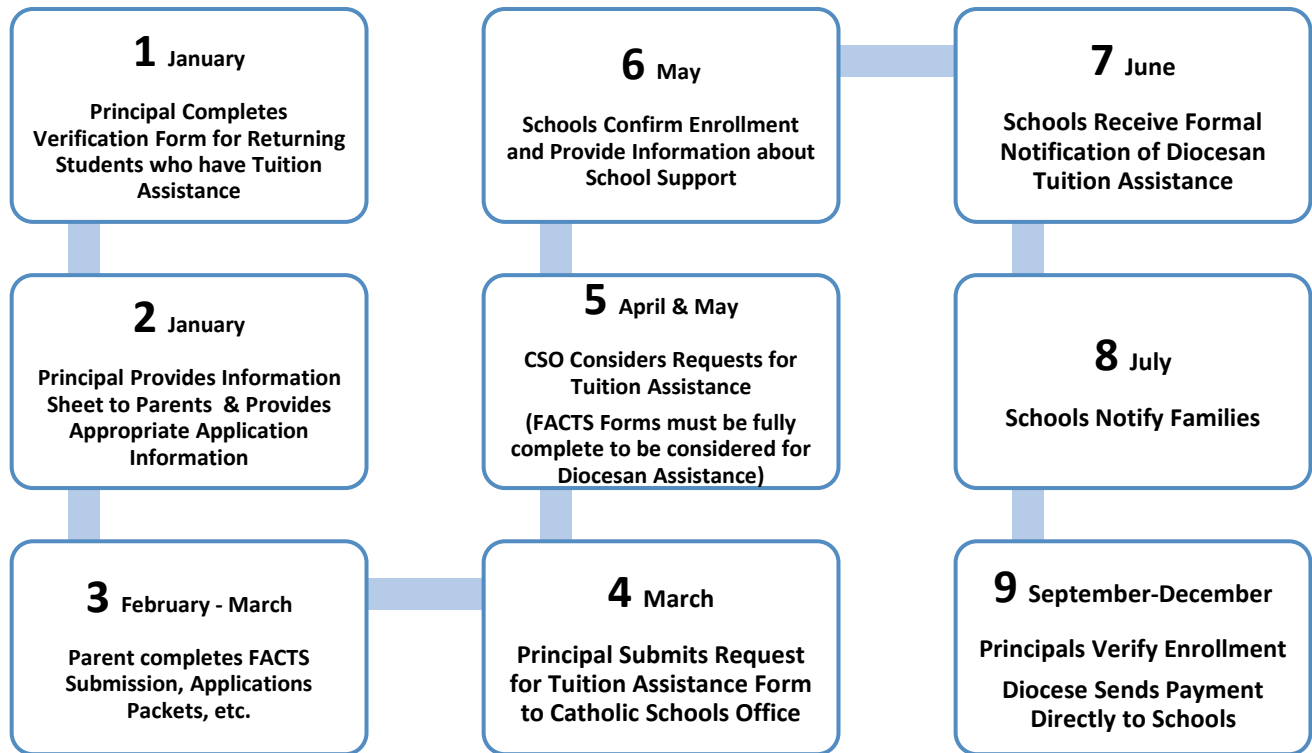
To ensure quality communication for individual situations, parents must communicate directly with the school principal on all matters regarding tuition assistance.

Below is the timeline for the tuition assistance process for **first-time applicants**:



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Below is the timeline for the tuition assistance process for **current recipients** of tuition assistance:



The following programs may be available for families in need of tuition assistance:

1. State of Louisiana Scholarship for Educational Excellence (Voucher Program):

- Tuition assistance is provided for the entire amount of tuition for students in Grades K - 12, based on level of income for the family.
- Information for applying, including income eligibility, is located at <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/schools/louisiana-scholarship-program>
- The window for applying is ***December 11, 2023 to January 19, 2024, for the 2024-25 school year.***
- Parents must identify their school(s) of choice in the application process
- Any parent needing help with this process may contact the Catholic school of choice for assistance.

2. Tuition Donation Credit Program:

- ACE Scholarship Program** provides partial tuition assistance for students in Grades K – 12, based on level of income for the family. ***Application process opens March 1.*** Information for applying, including income eligibility, is located at <https://www.acescholarships.org/become-a-scholar/louisiana/>
- Arete Scholars Program** provides partial tuition assistance for returning students in Grades K – 12, based on level of income for the family. Contact should be made directly with the Arete Program (www.aretescholars.org)
- San Damiano Scholars** provides partial tuition assistance for students in Grades K-12 at Redemptorist Elementary and St. Francis Xavier, based on level of income for the family.

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Contact should be made directly with the San Damiano Scholars Program
(<https://sandamianoscholars.com/>)

- d. Families receiving assistance through tuition Donation Credit Programs are also eligible for Black & Indian Mission Fund and Diocese of Baton Rouge Tuition Assistance for students enrolled in a Catholic high school or the special ed REACH Program.
3. **State of Louisiana School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities:**
- a. The state holds a lottery to provide reimbursement funds for parents of students in Grades K – 12 with identified exceptionalities who qualify as per the program guidelines, located at <https://www.Louisianabelieves.com/schools/Louisiana-scholarship-program>
 - b. These funds are intended to empower families to choose the school that best addresses their child's needs.
 - c. The diocesan St. Margaret of Castillo REACH Program provides the application to their parents. Contact: 225-336-8735 to reach the special education office.
4. **Diocese of Baton Rouge Tuition Assistance:**
- a. Donations received by the diocese through the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**, the **Catherine Romero Fund**, and school-level tuition assistance funding streams provide partial tuition assistance for students in Grades K – 12 in Catholic Schools based on financial need. PK4 students enrolled in a Catholic school academic program may be considered for diocesan funding.
 - b. Donations received by the national **Black & Indian Mission Fund** provide partial tuition assistance to Black or American Indian students in Grades K – 12 who attend Catholic schools based on financial need. PK4 students enrolled in a Catholic school academic program may be considered for diocesan funding.
 - c. To be considered for funding, applicants must contact the school principal to obtain an application form.
 - d. After submitting the completed application form to the principal, parent must complete a financial assessment through FACTS Management, which requires a nominal fee for the financial analysis. Link - FACTS: <https://www.FACTSmgt.com> (Parent Tab – Dropdown to Financial Aid)

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