

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway!

Families have the opportunity to apply for the scholarships listed below using the FACTS Grant & Aid online application (<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>). To make the process easier for families and schools, one application is being used for all scholarships funded by the **Beacon of Hope Scholarship Fund**. The Scholarship Fund at the Catholic School Office will review applications and determine a family's award based on eligibility for the different programs. Diocesan school administrators will be notified of awards in order to draft tuition agreements for families.

Scholarships offered by the Beacon of Hope Scholarship Fund include:

- **The Kenneth and Thelma Lally Partnership in Catholic Education**

Eligibility: open to student's grades 1-12 that are enrolled in an Albany Diocesan elementary or secondary school and have demonstrated financial need as determined through FACTS assessment.

- **Beacon of Hope Tuition Assistance**

Eligibility: open to students grade K-12 that are enrolled in an Albany Diocesan elementary or secondary school and have demonstrated financial need OR circumstance as determined through FACTS assessment

Online applications must be completed by April 1st each year. All questions required for the Beacon of Hope Scholarship Fund, formerly a separate document, are now included in the online application.

A flyer is attached to share with families and post to your websites.

Please update your communications online and in print to include the following instructions:

To apply to the Beacon of Hope Scholarship Fund families must:

1. Register with a diocesan elementary or secondary school
2. Complete the FACTS Grant/Aid application (see instructions below)
 - a. Select "Yes" - to the question *Are you applying for a Beacon of Hope Scholarship?*
 - b. Complete the brief needs statement (1-2 sentences)
3. Submit all questions, required documentation and the application fee* by April 1st

*contact the school administrator for questions regarding application fee

FACTS Grant/Aid – Instructions for Applicants

- Go to: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>
- If completed an application in previous years (at any school)
 - Click **Sign In**
 - Begin application
 - +Add School/Organization
 - search for my institution: zip code of school
 - Select **school name**
- If registering for assistance for the first time (current or new families)
 - Click ‘Create an Account’
 - Follow instructions to create a user account
 - Begin application
 - +Add School/Organization
 - search for my institution: zip code of school
 - Select **school name**

FACTS Grant/Aid – Required documents

- 2022 W2s
- 2021 or 2022 tax returns
- Supporting documentation of all on taxable income

*Note, if a family does not file taxes, there is an option to indicate “DNF” on the application

If you have any questions or are in need of assistance please contact me at 518.453.6676 or julie.byron-hogan@rcda.org

If you would like to schedule a time for me to visit your school to assist families with the application process, please email a list of dates/times that work for your school community and I will arrange a Scholarship Night at your school.