

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Tuition & Stewardship Information
Kindergarten – 8th
2026-2027

Dear St. Joseph School Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We know that you are perhaps both excited and nervous about enrolling your child in school. We share your excitement. In order to help you through the process, we want you to understand that there are two main pieces of the process, Enrollment and Tuition/Stewardship.

The Enrollment process takes place online in a program called PowerSchool. In PowerSchool, you set up what's called a parent portal. We will send you the details of the process as soon as we get them from the diocese. We would like to have all returning students registered as soon as possible but no later than May 1, 2026.

The Tuition/Stewardship process uses a website called FACTS Management. Through this website, families can set up their tuition for automatic payment AND apply for scholarships. ***The first deadline for scholarships is Tuesday, March 31, 2026.*** This deadline is for the Good Shepherd Scholarship provided by the Diocese. The FACTS Management Website is (<https://online.factsmtgt.com/signin/43MCC> for both scholarships and tuition payment. This year our per student tuition will remain at \$2,400. The Good Shepherd Scholarship this year will be \$1,800 for those who qualify.

Additionally, families are encouraged to fill out the free and reduced lunch paperwork even if they think they might not qualify or need it. The higher percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch means higher discounts on our internet and other costs through the federal e-Rate program as well as qualifying for various grants. Those returning families who will need financial assistance in addition to the Good Shepherd Scholarship must contact Fr. Sullivan (402-362-4595) prior to May 1, 2026. St. Joseph School requests that all families sign up to pay for their tuition through the FACTS Management Website <https://online.factsmtgt.com/signin/43MCC> select a payment plan and provide payment information by August 3, 2026 in order to ensure that your student will be able to start on time.

Please see important information about scholarships and tuition on the back of this page.

We appreciate your cooperation and help in making St. Joseph School your partner in education.

Fr. Sullivan
Pastor

Dr. Heinz
Principal

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Understanding Tuition

Number of Students in your family	1	2	3 and up
Anticipated Cost of Education	10,500	21,000	31,500
Parish Subsidy for ALL Students	8,100	16,200	24,300
Family Tuition Amount (\$420 Technology Fee Included)	2,400	4,800	7,200
Other Scholarships available (MUST apply through FACTS, see below)			
*Diocesan Good Shepherd Scholarship (if qualified, \$1,800)			
**Guardian Angel Stewardship Scholarship (typically \$500 - \$1,700)			
<i>YOU PAY (This amount will be filled in after scholarships are awarded)</i>			

We are blessed to have two scholarship programs. One is the Diocesan Funded Good Shepherd Scholarship. It is based strictly on financial need with families whose income is at or below 225% of the federal poverty line qualifying. The second is our local Guardian Angel Stewardship Scholarship which is funded by donations from our generous parishioners. Families qualify for the Guardian Angel Stewardship Scholarship based on need as established by individual meetings with Fr. Sullivan.

***Diocesan Good Shepherd Scholarship Application Policy:**

Requirements

1. Must complete the FACTS Aid Assessment online and provide all supporting documentation
<https://online.factsmtgt.com/signin/43MCC>
2. Must apply for reduced or free lunches (available at school office)
3. All past due tuition and fees need to be resolved before any financial aid can be awarded. Contact Fr. Sullivan

Application Start Date: January 1, 2026
Deadline to Apply: March 31, 2026
Award Notifications: Applicants will be notified by May 15, 2026

****Guardian Angel Stewardship Scholarship Application Policy:**

Requirements

1. Attend Mass each Sunday
2. Demonstrate a commitment to Stewardship (Examples include buying or selling SCRIP, working at a school or parish fundraiser such as Pot O' Gold, Fish Fry, Pancake Feeds, etc., Tithe 10% of your income)
3. Must complete the FACTS Aid Assessment online and provide all supporting documentation at
<https://online.factsmtgt.com/signin/43MCC>
4. Must apply for reduced or free lunches (available at school office)
5. All past due tuition and fees need to be resolved before financial aid can be awarded. Contact Fr. Sullivan

Application Start Date: January 1, 2026
Deadline to Apply: July 31, 2026 (except new families)
Award Notifications: Applicants for the Guardian Angel Stewardship Scholarship will be notified no later than 15 days prior to first payment due.



Good Shepherd Scholarship Announcement – 2026-2027 School Year

We are pleased to announce that the Lincoln Diocese will continue to offer Good Shepherd Scholarships for the 2026-2027 academic year for students who attend Diocesan Catholic Schools. Since the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program was announced in 2019, the Lincoln Diocese has awarded over \$17.1 million dollars in financial aid to families who attend Catholic Schools. Since the program began, the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program has:

- Provided scholarships to 22% - 25% of Catholic School students each year
- Attained a 100% Graduation Rate for senior scholarship recipients (84% Nebraska Rate, 85% U.S. Rate)
- Awarded over 9,500 student scholarships, 30% of those scholarship recipients identify as minorities

The **Good Shepherd Scholarship** for the 2026-2027 academic year will be \$1,800 for grades K-8 and \$2,100 for grades 9-12 and will cover families within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level. To be eligible for the Good Shepherd Scholarship families must complete an application and upload tax document through the **FACTS Scholarship Management** program. Any family may apply, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information or to apply for these scholarships go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com.

Good Shepherd Scholarship Program – 2026 - 2027

1. Good Shepherd Scholarships (GSS) are for families who are within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level and have students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade who attend participating Lincoln Diocese Catholic Schools.
2. Families must apply in FACTS for all scholarships and submit 2024 or 2025 Tax Forms, including the 1040, other required tax forms and W-2 statements for each parent.
3. The FACTS application is one \$45 fee for all scholarships, including GSS and local Catholic school scholarships.
4. Families must complete the FACTS Scholarship application each year in FACTS to be eligible for scholarships.
5. Scholarship applications start January 1, 2026 and the deadline to complete the application is March 31, 2026.
6. The definition of income follows the Federal Lunch Program guidelines (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/eligibility-manual-school-meals>).
7. To apply for Good Shepherd and local scholarships go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com.

25-26 Fed Poverty Level	
Family Size	225%
2	\$47,588
3	\$59,963
4	\$72,338
5	\$84,713
6	\$97,088
7	\$109,463
8	\$121,838
9	\$134,213
10	\$146,588



Anuncio de la Beca del Buen Pastor – Año Escolar 2026-2027

Nos complace anunciar que la diócesis de Lincoln continuará ofreciendo las Becas del Buen Pastor para el año escolar 2026-2027 para estudiantes que asistan las escuelas católicas diocesanas. Desde que el programa de la Beca del Buen Pastor fue anunciada en el 2019, la diócesis de Lincoln ha otorgado más de \$12 millones en asistencia financiera a las familias que asisten a las escuelas católicas. Durante este año escolar el programa de la Beca del Buen Pastor:

- Se otorgaron becas a entre el 22% y el 25% de los estudiantes de escuelas católicas cada año.
- Se logró una tasa de graduación del 100% para los estudiantes becados de último año (frente al 84% en Nebraska y el 85% en Estados Unidos).
- Se concedieron más de 9500 becas estudiantiles, y el 30% de los beneficiarios se identifican como pertenecientes a minorías.

La Beca del Buen Pastor aumentará en el año académico 2026-2027 a \$1,800 para los grados K-8 y \$2,100 para los grados 9-12 y cubrirá a familias dentro del 225% del nivel federal de pobreza. Para ser elegibles para la Beca del Buen Pastor o la Beca de Límite de Matrícula Familiar, las familias deben aplicar por medio del programa **FACTS de Administración de Becas**. Cualquier familia puede aplicar, sin importar su afiliación religiosa. Para más información o para aplicar para estas becas, por favor vaya a www.goodshepherdscholarship.com.

Programa de Beca del Buen Pastor – 2026 - 2027

1. Las Becas del Buen Pastor (BBP) son para los estudiantes que pertenezcan a familias que tengan ingresos desde el 0% - 225% del Nivel de Pobreza
2. Las familias deben aplicar por medio de FACTS para todas las becas e ingresar las formas de impuestos de los años 2024 o 2025, incluyendo la forma 1040 y W-2
3. La aplicación de FACTS tiene un costo de \$45 para todas las becas, incluyendo la BBP y las becas por medio de las escuelas católicas individuales
4. Las familias deben completar la aplicación de becas FACTS cada año para ser elegibles para las becas
5. Las aplicaciones de becas comienzan el 1 de enero, 2024 y la fecha límite para completar la aplicación es marzo 31, 2024
6. La definición de ingreso sigue las guías del Programa Federal de Almuerzos (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/eligibility-manual-school-meals>)
7. Para aplicar para la Beca del Buen Pastor o las becas locales, vaya a www.goodshepherdscholarship.com

Guías de Ingreso 2025-2026	
Tamaño de Familia	225% del Nivel de Pobreza
2	\$47,588
3	\$59,963
4	\$72,338
5	\$84,713
6	\$97,088
7	\$109,463
8	\$121,838
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