



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 and W-2 tax forms 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.
8. **The Family Tuition Cap Scholarship is no longer available through the Good Shepherd Scholarship program.**

% 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

St. John’s Local Scholarships



Guardian Angel Scholarship

- **\$750 per student K-8**
- Families between 226%-300% Federal Poverty Line
- Must apply through FACTS
- Same application process as Good Shepherd

Family Cap Scholarship

- For families with more than three (3) students enrolled in Lincoln Diocese Schools
- **\$750 per student K-8** (after 3) for Good Shepherd Scholarship qualifiers
- **\$1,100 per student K-8** (after 3) for Guardian Angel Scholarship qualifiers
- Must apply through FACTS
- Same application process as Good Shepherd

Guidelines for Application:

1. Applicant must attend Mass and participate in the Sacraments.
2. Applicant must donate time and treasure to St. John’s Church and/or School (minimum requirements: 20 hours of service per family & \$300 per month of Scrip purchases)
3. An application must be submitted to FACTS Tuition Management prior to being considered for a scholarship.
4. Award amounts will not cover 100% of the tuition. The applicant must pay for a portion of the tuition amount.
5. Any awarded amount is a “one-time” scholarship for only the year applied for and a new application will need to be submitted each subsequent year and will be subject to available funding.
6. The receipt deadline for all applications is July 31st. Applicants encountering any extenuating circumstances such as loss of income, change in familial status, or other significant event will be considered throughout the year.
7. Applicant will provide an email “summary of need” explaining the situation and why funds are being requested to the principal.
8. St. John’s will make every effort to follow the FACTS Tuition Management recommended need for each applicant based on the data submitted by the applying family.
9. Applicant must be a Parishioner of St. John’s Church