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FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2020
TO APPLY: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

For families living in Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties there are now two options for financial aid:

- Hope through Education Scholarship Program - Hope through Education is a non-sectarian 501(c)(3) organization that provides economically disadvantaged families, both Catholic and non-Catholic, with partial scholarships to attend quality private and parochial schools; and
- The Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship Program - The Foundation for Catholic Education is a Diocese of Metuchen fund that provides economically disadvantaged Catholic families with partial scholarships to attend one of their 24 quality Catholic elementary or high schools.

Application instructions for the Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) Scholarship Program and the Hope through Education (HtE) Scholarship Program are included with this letter.

Please note that all grants and scholarships are awarded on a needs-only basis following an evaluation of family need by FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment (FGAA).

For families applying for the first time, please review and follow the instructions carefully with particular attention to deadlines and required documentation. Please include all K-12 children on one application and respond promptly to email notifications from FACTS Grant & Aid.

All applications and documents must arrive to FACTS Grant & Aid by March 31. Awards will be announced via email by the first week of June 2020. Families are required to accept or decline their award/s by June 15.

If you have general questions about the application process, contact an FGAA Customer Care Representative at (866) 315-9262. For questions regarding eligibility, documentation and/or deadlines, please call the Tuition Assistance Hotline at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1610, or send us an email at info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

Sincerely,

Tamara Hemingway
Executive Director

2020-2021 Application Instructions
Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) & Hope through Education (HtE)

ELIGIBILITY

Foundation for Catholic Education
Eligibility Requirements

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2020—scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool;
- Student must attend one of the 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in a Diocese of Metuchen school and parish (see list of eligible schools and parishes at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance). **If you are not sure you are officially registered, please contact your parish right away. Applications that cannot be verified will be considered incomplete and ineligible for FCE aid.**

Hope through Education
Eligibility Requirements

- Student must live in one of the following New Jersey counties: Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset, or Warren;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2020 – scholarships are not awarded to children in Preschool; and
- Student must attend one of the 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata High School, Mount Saint Mary Academy, Saint Joseph High School, or St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE

- When you apply for financial aid to attend a Diocese of Metuchen school, you are automatically opted-in to both the FCE and HtE Scholarship Program applications.

THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE: Holy Savior Academy (So. Plainfield), Immaculata High School (Somerville), St. Matthew the Apostle (Edison), St. Matthias (Somerset), or Saint Joseph High School (Metuchen)

- When applying for aid to attend one of these schools, you must manually “opt in” to the HtE Scholarship program by checking the HtE box found in the Schools section under Organizations.
- For general questions about the application process, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262. For questions regarding eligibility, documentation, or deadlines, call the Tuition Assistance Hotline at 732.562.1990, ext. 1610, or send an email inquiry to info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Copies of your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
 - Copies of all 2019 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both the applicant and co-applicant; and
 - Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers’ Compensation, and TANF.
- Required documents must be scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- **FACTS GRANT & AID NO LONGER ACCEPTS ANY DOCUMENTATION BY MAIL OR FAX.**