

## **Tuition Assistance Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Does St. John Paul II offer tuition assistance?**

Yes. The school is committed to offering an excellent education at an affordable tuition rate. We strive to provide tuition assistance to families who are committed to Catholic education and who have demonstrated financial need.

### **What is the deadline for submitting my application?**

The completed financial aid application and fee must be submitted to FAST no later than **Monday, February 5, 2024**

### **If I received tuition assistance last year, do I need to apply again this year?**

Yes. One year of tuition assistance does not guarantee assistance in future years.

### **If my child is applying to St. John Paul II for the first time, can I apply for financial assistance?**

Yes. New families who are applying for admission to our school are welcome to apply for tuition assistance.

### **Will my child's admission to the school be affected by my application for tuition assistance?**

No. Admissions decisions are made without regard to the applicant's ability to pay.

### **The FAST application form asks for my 2023 federal income tax return. What happens if my tax return cannot be completed by the deadline?**

If your current tax return is not completed you will be required to supply all of the additional documents outlined in the application, submit your 2022 federal income tax return, **AND** your current tax return as soon as it is available.

**Where do I send my tuition assistance application?**

Applications should be submitted online directly to FAST using the link provided on the school website. Supporting documentation must be sent directly to FAST.

**Are there any income limits when applying for assistance?**

No. Each family's financial situation is independently evaluated by FAST.

**Does FAST share my financial information with any other parties?**

All information is held in strict confidence and is not shared with any organizations except for the St. John Paul II Financial Aid Committee.

**Will FAST ever contact me directly?**

Occasionally. If the professionals at FAST need additional information to complete their evaluation, you may be contacted to provide the requested data.

**When will I be notified if my family has been awarded assistance?**

- New applicants to the school will be notified of the amount of tuition assistance granted, if any, by letters to be mailed on **Friday, March 8, 2024**. This is the same date that admissions decision letters will be mailed.
- Returning families will be notified of their tuition assistance awards, if any, by letters to be mailed during the fourth week of March.

**What if I miss the February application deadline?**

If tuition assistance funds are still available after the February awards have been granted applications might be considered after the deadline.

**Who can I contact if I have more questions?**

Please contact the school business manager at 281-496-1500.

St. John Paul II Catholic School is a co-ed Catholic school educating students in grades PreK-8, with an enrollment population 700+ students with three classes per grade level