

Income-Based Tuition - Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the tuition and fee amounts for 2024-25?

Income-Based Tuition Models for the Academy and High School are available in this communication.

Tuition does not include school fees. In addition to tuition, there are additional fees that may apply to your student's account such as:

- Grade 7 & 8 Book Rental Fee
- Course material fees for art, music, PE classes and various exam fees
- Online course fees
- Senior fee (seniors only)
- After School Program Fees (grades 7-10)
- Student Activities – Sports and Clubs

Families are responsible for providing:

- High School Textbooks
- Personal student laptop/tablet (required in high school only)
- Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase in the school cafeteria if desired.

2. What happens if I receive an academic scholarship?

Academic scholarships will continue to be honored. However, your academic scholarship cannot reduce your total tuition cost to less than \$1,000. A \$1,000 tuition deposit is required for every student.

3. How do I apply for a tuition adjustment?

The application for the 2024-2025 school year is available now.

The FACTS application can be found in the Admissions section of our website at www.uofdjesuit.org/admissions/financial-aid-merit-scholarships. Click on the "Tuition and Financial Aid" button to begin your application process (\$30.00 fee required). U of D Jesuit will process the FACTS application using your tax returns and financial information from the previous year (2022 Federal Tax Returns & W-2's). 2023 W-2's should be submitted by February 15, 2024.

4. Do I receive this income-based tuition automatically or do I need to apply?

If a family would like to be considered for the Income-Based Tuition adjustment, a completed financial aid application (with supporting tax documents) is required annually.

5. How is my income determined / interpreted?

We consider the following to be included in gross family income: salaries, investment income, self-employment income, social security or disability, rental income, housing allowance or assistance, income or cash distributions from LLC's, S Corporations or partnerships, retirement plan or pension distributions, child support and other income, including nontaxable income. For families with traditional "W-2" earnings and no other sources of income, your income can be derived from AGI (Adjusted Gross Income). This is line 11, on the Form 1040 Individual Tax Return. U of D Jesuit reserves the right to consider your future earnings potential in contrast to your most recently filed income tax return. U of D Jesuit also reserves the right to consider significant liquid assets that could be drawn from to make tuition payments more than the amounts shown above.

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6. How do you treat business income?

Families with business income may be required to provide business financials to gain a better understanding of actual income earned from the business. Adjustments to gross income may be made for certain deductions reported on your tax return, such as depreciation / Section 179 bonus depreciation expense, vehicle expense, home office expense, etc.

7. My income is overstated due to other earnings such as capital gains, gambling winnings, or other one-time events – how do you handle this?

U of D Jesuit will inquire about the nature of the earnings. If the earnings are repeatable (and expected) during the next tax year, the earnings will be used in the accounting of the family's income. If the nature of the earnings is that of a one-time event, the family's income determination will be reduced by those earnings.

8. Do you factor in my family's significant medical expenses?

When there are extraordinary medical expenses, we ask that you report that information via the FACTS application. See section #9: Additional Questions. There is a question that states: *Please provide information regarding any special circumstances that will assist us with your financial aid review.*

9. Do you factor in unusual financial considerations my family may be facing?

When there are unusual financial considerations, we ask that you report that information via the FACTS application. See section #9: Additional Questions. There is a question that states: *Please provide information regarding any special circumstances that will assist us with your financial aid review.*

10. What if a student's parents are separated/divorced?

When a student's parents are separated, U of D Jesuit considers the financial resources of all living parents, stepparents and other adults living in the household in which the student resides. Tuition contracts may be arranged jointly or separately according to the family's preference.

11. Does my tuition include the tuition deposit (registration fee) or is that additional?

A \$1,000 tuition deposit is required for every student, each year. This tuition deposit is included in your total tuition cost. The tuition deposit is not an addition to your tuition/adjusted tuition cost.

12. Do I get a discount for having two or more students at U of D Jesuit at the same time? Two or more students in other tuition-charging high schools?

A younger sibling receives the **Brother's Discount** when a family has two or more sons enrolled during the same academic year. However, a Brother's Discount cannot reduce your total tuition cost to less than \$1,000. A \$1,000 tuition deposit is required for every student.

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13. Do you factor in my family's college tuition expenses?

U of D Jesuit does not factor in college tuition expenses for other children in the household.

14. What happens if my circumstances change during the year?

The Financial Aid Office is ready to pivot as a family's income changes. U of D Jesuit will not make any adjustments to the current tuition plan until a change in employment occurs. Once there is a change in employment, we ask that the family call the Student Billing Office and report the change. We will then work with the family to create a tuition plan that works for all parties.

15. Are families who pay the maximum tuition cost subsidizing the adjusted tuition cost of other families through this income-based tuition model?

The full cost of an education at U of D Jesuit is \$19,500 per student. Contributions received through the generosity of our alumni, current and alumni parents and friends of the school, provides the funds for U of D Jesuit to cover the tuition reduction. We are immensely grateful for their support to the school and to you and your family. Because of this continued support, a U of D Jesuit education is now more accessible to families from all over southeast Michigan.

16. What other scholarship opportunities are available?

U of D Jesuit academic scholarships are determined by the student's High School Placement Test (HSPT) score. Please visit the U of D Jesuit website and click on the Admissions tab to learn more about our Academic Scholarships, or click here <https://www.uofdjesuit.org/admissions/financial-aid-merit-scholarships>.

The Archdiocese of Detroit offers tuition assistance to Catholic families within the Archdiocese. The application is due in March – no exceptions. Please visit the U of D Jesuit website and click on the Admissions tab to learn more about financial assistance that may be available, or click here <https://www.uofdjesuit.org/admissions/financial-aid-merit-scholarships>.

U of D Jesuit is aware that some parishes/churches may have funds available to assist you with your tuition payments. You are encouraged to check with your home parish/church to see if any such funds may be available.

Please note additional scholarships or grants cannot reduce your total tuition cost to less than \$1,000. A \$1,000 tuition deposit is required for every student, each year.