



2025-26 Merit Awards and Tuition Assistance Grants

The EC Guarantee

Eastside Catholic School offers families the confidence of the **EC Guarantee**. Merit awards granted will remain the same for the duration of a student's **middle school or high school** enrollment as long as a student remains in good academic standing. Tuition assistance grants stay the same unless there is a significant shift in a family's financial position. An application to confirm the level of need is required each year a student is enrolled.

Tuition Assistance Grants

Tuition assistance grants are reductions of tuition paid by a parent based on demonstrated financial need. To be considered for a tuition assistance grant, parents or guardians must complete an online application and provide the required information. The application will be available on **October 1, 2024**.

Tuition assistance grants awarded to a student may vary from year to year during a student's enrollment. In most circumstances, grants will remain at a level reflecting a family's demonstrated need. Priority applications for tuition assistance grants for the 2025-26 school year must be completed by **January 7, 2025**, for high school and **February 5, 2025**, for middle school.

For more information about tuition assistance grants or the application process, please contact Tuition Assistance and Admissions Administrator Marj Kerstetter at 425-295-3025 or mkerstetter@eastsidecatholic.org.

Eastside Catholic School Confidentiality Statement

Eastside Catholic School treats all financial information provided by families as confidential. The identity of all students receiving tuition assistance is held in strict confidence. Because all financial arrangements are confidential, please do not discuss any information relative to payment plans, tuition, fees and tuition assistance with anyone other than our Business Services Team at the risk of losing the grant.

Merit Awards

The mission of Eastside Catholic School is for every student to learn to integrate their thinking and believing in ways that encourage intellectual excellence, nurture relationships and inspire a life of leadership and service to others. Our merit award program is designed to honor students who demonstrate qualities reflecting our mission. Eastside Catholic School offers need-blind merit awards to incoming sixth and ninth graders.

Students applying for admission to grades 6 or 9 for the 2025-26 school year are eligible to apply for merit awards. To be considered for a merit award, students must complete a merit award application as part of the online application process via Finalsight. As long as a student remains in good standing, merit awards granted will remain the same for the duration of the student's middle or high school enrollment.

Academic Excellence Merit Award

- Demonstrates significant academic achievement in their knowledge and skills

Baden-Powell Award

- Baden-Powell Award winners currently serve in leadership roles in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire or 4-H.

Children of Educator Awards

- Aristotle Award winners are children of a teacher or staff member at any private or public school.
- St. Francis of Assisi Award winners are children of teachers or school staff members at Catholic schools or the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Merit Awards (*continued*)

Leaders in Faith Award

- Leaders in Faith Award winners are students currently serving in a leadership role in their respective faith community.

Promising Writers Award

- Promising Writers Award winners demonstrate a love of writing and have published works in newspapers, magazines and/or have been a winner of a writing contest.

Pythagoras Award

- Pythagoras Award winners demonstrate superior performance in math at their current school.

Technology Leadership Award

- Technology Leadership Award winners demonstrate an aptitude for technology and participate in technology clubs, events and/or competitions.

Windows of Opportunity Award

- Windows of Opportunity Award winners demonstrate financial need and are first-generation citizens or the first in their family planning to attend college. Students from underrepresented populations are encouraged to apply.

Tuition and Fees

Eastside Catholic School is committed to providing access for students from all economic backgrounds through merit awards and need-based tuition assistance grants. Tuition and enrollment fees for the 2024-25 school year are:

Middle School/High School tuition	\$31,750
Options Program tuition	\$34,300
Enrollment fee - new student	\$500
Enrollment fee - returning student	\$400
Enrollment fee - contracts submitted after due date	\$600
Enrollment fee - new international student	\$2,500
Enrollment fee - returning international student	\$2,500
One-time fee:	
Purchase of 1:1 Program laptop	\$1,500 - \$2,125

We are committed to helping families afford the investment of an Eastside Catholic School education. In addition to merit awards and tuition assistance grant opportunities, Eastside Catholic School offers the following:

- Payment plans and methods to pay tuition over 12 months without interest
- Tuition payments through FACTS Management Company
- Tuition discounts for families who have more than one student enrolled at Eastside Catholic School during a school year

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Nondiscrimination Policy

Eastside Catholic School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, merit awards or tuition assistance grants, and athletic and other school-administered programs.