

# Investing in a FATHER RYAN EDUCATION

## Tuition and Accessibility

We understand the significant investment our families make when they send their children to Father Ryan. We honor this commitment by providing a powerful, personalized educational experience, steeped in our enduring Tradition of Faith, Knowledge, Service.

Our founding mission—to be an experience of the living Gospel while challenging students to reach their spiritual, academic, and personal potential—is available to anyone seeking an education in the Catholic Tradition. Tuition, and tuition assistance ensure that families can invest in their child's potential and future.

### TUITION ASSISTANCE

Father Ryan's tuition assistance program ensures that families can make that investment a reality. Through our *Foundation for the Future* Strategic Plan, we are expanding our tuition assistance. Our ultimate goal is to fulfill 90% of demonstrated tuition assistance need.

### 2025-2026 TUITION: \$27,450

Tuition, our primary source of support, is set annually, based on the school's operating budget. We announce tuition with re-enrollment in January, following budget approval by Father Ryan's Leadership Team, Board of Trustees, and Diocese of Nashville.

### MULTI-STUDENT TUITION DISCOUNT

Father Ryan gives a 15% tuition discount to families with more than one child currently enrolled. In 2025-2026, this was a \$4,120 tuition reduction for any additional sibling.

- **\$2.1M** awarded in Father Ryan Tuition Assistance for 2025-2026
- Fulfilled **74%** of families' need for tuition assistance in 2025-2026 vs. 53% in 2024-2025
- **283** Father Ryan students received a \$7,295 Tennessee Educational Freedom Scholarship for 2025-2026
- **33** Father Ryan students received a \$9,800 Tennessee Educational Savings Account Scholarship (ESA) for 2025-2026
- **\$38M** in college scholarships offered to the Class of 2025
- **14,800+** global alumni network

### OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

Father Ryan participates in two application-based scholarship programs available to families in Tennessee. These programs require separate applications to qualify and are not associated with our tuition assistance program. Families may apply to both if they meet eligibility criteria.

#### Tennessee Educational Savings Account (ESA) Program

- Provides state and local money toward education expenses, including tuition and/or fees at approved private schools
- Average amount provided to families in Metro Nashville Public Schools in 2025-2026 was \$9,800
- Father Ryan is an ESA-approved school

Visit [tn.gov/education/esa.html](https://tn.gov/education/esa.html) for qualification details and 2026-2027 application

#### Tennessee Educational Freedom Scholarship (EFS) Program

- Provides \$7,295 scholarship per student
- Signed into law in February 2025, Father Ryan participates in alignment with the Diocese of Nashville

Visit [tn.gov/education/efs.html](https://tn.gov/education/efs.html) for qualification details and the 2026-2027 application; Father Ryan will inform families when the application opens



## WHAT DOES TUITION COVER?

- Personalized education through our four levels of learning
- 200+ courses including 28 AP courses and 9 Dual Enrollment courses for college credit
- Customized College Counseling from 9th-12th grade
- Freshman and Transfer Seminars
- Our unique House System
- Leadership development and mentoring from 9th-12th grade
- Campus ministry and service-learning opportunities
- Extensive athletic and club offerings
- Educational Support Programs and more



Tuition assistance from Father Ryan has had an outstanding impact on my education and future. It lessened my family's stress to meet the financial obligations and allowed me to immerse fully in my high school experience and excel in the classroom. It also impacted my college choice. Seton Hall awarded me the Catholic High School Scholarship, which continued my passion for a Catholic education."

**LAMONT HOWARD '24**



## FAQS

### Who should apply for tuition assistance?

The tuition assistance application is available to any applicant. Families must meet a certain income or debt threshold to qualify for tuition assistance. FACTS, the third-party consultant that works with Father Ryan, reviews each family's individual needs, circumstances, and financial information (income/assets, expenses, debt, number of dependents, other tuition resources including outside scholarships and other family member contributions, etc.) to determine any level of assistance.

### Will applying for tuition assistance impact my child's chances for acceptance?

Admissions decisions are not impacted by applications for tuition assistance. Students' financial need is not factored into the admissions decisions.

### Does Father Ryan offer a subsidized tuition rate for qualifying Catholic families?

We now offer a single tuition model for all families and a 15% multi-student tuition discount for any family with more than one child enrolled. This model aligns with other private schools in Nashville and with Catholic schools nationally.

### Does Father Ryan receive subsidies from the Diocese of Nashville?

No, Father Ryan does not receive a direct financial contribution from the Diocese of Nashville to subsidize tuition.

### Does tuition assistance need to be repaid?

Tuition assistance is need-based, and it is given to families in the form of a grant, which never needs to be paid back. Our students repay us by paying it forward and continuing the Tradition of Faith, Knowledge, Service beyond the Father Ryan campus.

### Do we reapply for tuition assistance each year?

Yes. Each year, families who receive tuition assistance will complete the FACTS application to update with current financial information. Families can expect to pay the same percentage of tuition if their circumstances remain relatively unchanged from the previous year.

### I am separated/divorced. How does this affect my application for tuition assistance?

Both family units are required to apply for tuition assistance. If you are married but filing taxes separately, both parents will submit individual applications. A copy of your Divorce Decree must be submitted to Father Ryan's Business Office, specifically the portion that discusses Child Support or tuition payments.

### I am remarried. Do I include my current spouse's income and asset information in my application for tuition assistance?

Yes, remarriage of a parent/guardian creates a new family unit. The income and assets of the new family unit must be included in the application for tuition assistance.

### Are there scholarships available in addition to tuition assistance?

While we offer five merit-based Presidential Scholarships to the top five high school placement testers annually, the best way to receive financial assistance is to apply for tuition assistance.

## CONTACT US

We are here to help you navigate how to fund your child's Father Ryan education. Please contact Erin (Baltz) Riggs '00, Director of Enrollment.

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