



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

EARLY DECISION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 26, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Attached please find Early Decision application instructions for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid. Early Decision is offered by the Diocese of Metuchen to help you make an informed decision when enrolling your rising 9th grader in St. Thomas Aquinas High School (STAHS). **The FACTS Grant & Aid portal is now open for Early Decision and the deadline for Early Decision applications is November 26, 2025 at Midnight.** Awards for the Early Decision Round will be announced on or around December 15, 2025.

Please note, **the Diocesan application process is independent of the application process for School Aid from St. Thomas Aquinas High School (STAHS).** Please contact STAHS for information on how to apply for their financial aid.

You must complete and **submit a signed Parish Verification Form** (attached) to STAHS **by no later than November 26, 2025.** Applications without this form will not be considered for aid – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you are **only** applying for aid for your 9th grader/s you are not required to provide 2025 W2's. If your child is not awarded a scholarship in the Early Decision Round, but you would like your application to be re-evaluated in the Standard Round, you will need to upload your 2025 W2's to your application. This must be done by the March 31, 2026 Standard Round deadline. Awards for the Standard Round will be announced on or about the first week of June.

If you also have younger or older siblings in a Diocesan school, please note:

- You should include ALL children on this application so that they may be considered for aid in the Standard Round of Awards.
- **You will need to upload your 2025 W2's to your application in order for younger or older siblings to be considered for financial aid in the Standard Round. You have until March 31, 2026 (Standard Round deadline) to upload these documents to your application.** Your application for younger or older siblings **WILL NOT** be considered complete without your 2025 W2's. Awards for the Standard Round will be announced on or about the first week of June.

TO APPLY FOR EARLY DECISION:

- Go to <https://www.online.factsmgt.com/aid>
- The application period for Early Decision ends at midnight on November 26, 2025—applications received after that date will not be considered for Early Decision, and you will need your W2's uploaded to your application to be considered for the Standard Round
- Application questions: **866.315.9262**

Sincerely,

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2026-2027 FGAA Application Instructions EARLY DECISION—GRADE 9 ONLY

Families applying for Early Decision for financial aid for a student entering 9th grade at St. Thomas Aquinas High School (STAHS) will need to complete an online application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The Early Decision process will officially close on **November 26 at Midnight**. Awards will be announced on or about December 15, 2025.

Online applications are available in Spanish and English. The application fee is **\$40** and **must** be paid online at the time you submit your application, otherwise your application is considered unsubmitted. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for Diocesan School Financial Aid:

- Student must be Roman Catholic, registered in a Diocese of Metuchen Parish (see list of eligible parishes attached), and must provide STAHS with a completed Parish Verification Form signed by the Pastor of a Diocese of Metuchen Parish **by no later than November 26, 2025 – NO EXCEPTIONS** (form attached);
- Student must be entering grade 9 in September 2026;
- Student must be planning to attend St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

APPLICATION

Documents required, but not limited to, include:

- Copies of your 2024 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules.
- 2025 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both you and your co-applicant are not required for Early Decision; **HOWEVER, if your application includes a child or children in grades K-8 and/or 10-12 you are required to upload your 2025 W2 and/or 1099 forms to your application by the March 31, 2026 Standard Round deadline.**
- Copies of supplemental documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Documents must be:

- Scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- **FACTS Grant & Aid does not accept documents sent by FAX or Email.**

For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at:

866.315.9262



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DIOCESE OF METUCHEN – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR – EARLY DECISION
REQUIRED PARISH VERIFICATION FORM

By signing below, the Pastor of a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen is confirming that the applicant/s listed on this form are registered in and attend his parish, thereby meeting the parish verification requirement for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid.

Parents – you must complete this form, sign it, obtain your Pastor’s signature, and return it to St. Thomas Aquinas High School (STAHS) – DO NOT UPLOAD THIS FORM TO THE FACTS APPLICATION. If you have younger or older siblings attending another Diocese of Metuchen school, include their name/s and the name of the school/s on this signed form. Forms must be signed by the Pastor and Parent/Guardian and **submitted to STAHS by no later than November 26, 2025.**

All eligibility requirements and a list of eligible schools and parishes can be found on the back of this form.

ALL APPLICANT FAMILIES MUST:

- Complete an online application through FGAA (one application/family) – <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>; and
- Submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to the **STAHS Business Office by November 26** (please list all children attending a Diocese of Metuchen School, and the name or names of the schools they are attending).

YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS FORM – ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED.

Parent/Guardian:

(Print Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Student Name/s and School/s (List **ALL** children attending a Diocese of Metuchen School. **Please Print.**)

Student Name/s: _____

School/s: _____

Pastor:

(Print Name)

(Pastor Signature)

Parish Name: _____

(Name of Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen)

Diocese of Metuchen - School Financial Aid
Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, a student must:

- be a practicing Roman Catholic entering grade 9 in September 2026;
- plan to attend St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- be registered at a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Metuchen (eligible parishes listed below) and submit a Parish Verification Form, signed by the Pastor to the STAHS Business Office by **November 26, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

School List (by city):

High Schools

Edison – St. Thomas Aquinas
Somerville – Immaculata

Parish List (by city):

Alpha - St. Mary
Annandale - Immaculate Conception
Avenel - St. Andrew
Baptistown - Our Lady of Victories
Basking Ridge St. James
Belvidere - St. Patrick
Bernardsville - Our Lady of Perpetual
Help
Blairstown - St. Jude
Bloomsbury - Annunciation
Bound Brook - St. Joseph
St. Mary of Czestochowa
Bridgewater - Holy Trinity
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Califon - St. John Neumann
Carteret - Divine Mercy
St. Joseph
Colonia - St. John Vianney
Dunellen - St. John the Evangelist
East Brunswick - St. Bartholomew
Edison - St. Helena
St. Matthew the Apostle
Edison-Highland Park – Transfiguration
of the Lord
Far Hills - Peapack –
St. Elizabeth - St. Brigid
Flemington - St. Magdalen de Pazzi
Fords - Our Lady of Peace
Great Meadows - Ss. Peter & Paul
Hackettstown - Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Hampton - St. Ann
Helmetta - Holy Trinity
High Bridge - St. Joseph

Hillsborough - Mary, Mother of God
St. Joseph
Hopelawn - Good Shepherd
Iselin - St. Cecelia
Jamesburg - St. James the Less
Kendall Park - St. Augustine of
Canterbury
Lambertville - St. John the Evangelist
Laurence Harbor- St. Lawrence
Manville - Christ the Redeemer
Martinsville - Blessed Sacrament
Metuchen - Cathedral of St. Francis of
Assisi
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Middlesex
Milford - St. Edward the Confessor
Milltown - Our Lady of Lourdes
Monmouth Junction - St. Cecilia
Monroe Twp - Nativity of Our Lord
Montgomery Twp-St. Charles Borromeo
New Brunswick - Holy Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Parish of the Visitation
St. Peter the Apostle
North Brunswick - Our Lady of Peace
North Plainfield - St. Joseph
St. Luke
Old Bridge – Most Holy Redeemer
St. Ambrose
St. Thomas the Apostle
Oxford – St. Rose of Lima
Parlin - St. Bernadette
Perth Amboy – Most Holy Name of
Jesus
Our Lady of Fatima
St. John Paul II
Phillipsburg - St. Philip & St. James
Piscataway - Our Lady of Fatima
St. Frances Cabrini
Pittstown - St. Catherine of Siena
Plainsboro - Queenship of Mary
Port Murray - St. Theodore
Port Reading - St. Anthony of Padua
Raritan - St. Ann
St. Joseph

Sayreville - Our Lady of Victories
St. Stanislaus Kostka
Somerset - St. Matthias
Somerville - Immaculate Conception
South Amboy – Sacred Heart
St. Mary
South Bound Brook - Our Lady of
Mercy
South Plainfield - Our Lady of
Czestochowa
Church of the Sacred Heart
South River - Corpus Christi
St. Mary of Ostrabrama
St. Stephen Protomartyr
Spotswood - Immaculate Conception
Three Bridges - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Warren - Our Lady of the Mount
Washington – St. Joseph
Watchung - St. Mary - Stony Hill
Whitehouse Station – Our Lady of
Lourdes
Woodbridge - St. James