



January 15, 2026

Dear Bishop McGuinness Parents and Guardians,

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School remains committed to partnering with families who demonstrate financial need in order to make a Catholic education accessible. This letter provides important information regarding the tuition assistance application process for the 2026-2027 academic year, including program requirements, responsibilities, and key deadlines.

Overview of Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance is awarded based on demonstrated financial need and the availability of funds. All applications are reviewed individually and treated confidentially. Submission of an application does not guarantee an award.

Financial Need Assessment (FACTS)

All families seeking tuition assistance are required to complete a Financial Need Analysis through the online FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment system. FACTS is an independent third-party service that evaluates financial need based on the information and documentation provided by each family. Applications are not considered complete until all required supporting documents have been submitted and verified by FACTS.

Work Grant Program Requirement

All recipients of tuition assistance are required to participate in the Bishop McGuinness Work Grant Program. Tuition assistance funds are generated through this program, and participation is a condition of receiving an award.

The Work Grant Program has benefited McGuinness students and families for generations by fostering responsibility, investment, and engagement in the McGuinness community. While similar programs exist elsewhere, the Work Grant Program plays a unique role in supporting families and helping students develop a strong sense of ownership in their education.

We continue to make adjustments to the program to better accommodate student academic and extracurricular commitments. However, the success of the Work Grant Program depends on a shared partnership with families, students, and the school:

- **Family Responsibilities:** Families are responsible for completing all required registration forms, providing accurate and timely information, selecting a viable work session, tracking completed hours, and fulfilling any financial obligation if assigned hours are not completed.
- **Student Responsibilities:** Once a grant is awarded, students are responsible for completing the hours in the assigned session.

- **School Responsibilities:** The school is responsible for assigning work sessions, communicating remaining hours or outstanding balances, and administering the program.

This partnership is essential for families to fully receive the financial benefit, for students to build relationships with peers and staff while developing accountability, and for the school to continue offering nearly one million dollars in tuition assistance annually. As with any other activity on campus, the Work Grant Program directly supports our mission:

“As a Catholic community of faith, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is dedicated to educating and developing the whole person, providing a moral, ethical, and Christ-centered compass for life.”

Families must complete the FACTS Application online including submitting all requested tax documents and return the Work Grant Session Registration Form, indicating preferred days and times, by **March 31, 2026**.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- FACTS application opens: January 15, 2026
- Application process closes: March 31, 2026
- Financial aid review period: April-May 2026
- Notification letters mailed: After May 5, 2026

Applications submitted after March 31, 2026, will be considered only if funds remain available. Please note that voluntary reductions in income do not constitute financial need.

Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax Credit

Applications for the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax Credit open on March 16, 2026, through the Oklahoma Tax Commission website. Families must submit a timely application for this tax credit in order to be considered for tuition assistance from Bishop McGuinness. This information is required to determine the total financial resources available for each family.

If you have questions regarding the tuition assistance process, please contact the Business Office at 405-842-6638.

Thank you for partnering with Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School.

Sincerely,



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Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School