



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

IN KEEPING WITH THE EDUCATIONAL TRADITION of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, no student is refused admission or asked to leave Catholic High School solely because of his family's inability to pay tuition.

Parents are asked and expected to honor their financial obligation to Catholic High School through the timely payment of tuition and fees. Tuition assistance is based on financial need only. 100% assistance is not considered. Tuition scholarships for athletics are never considered.

When a student's tuition account becomes two months in arrears, the student may be subject to suspension from classes. No student may take semester examinations until all financial obligations to the school have been satisfactorily addressed as defined by the Catholic High School president.

Tuition Assistance Opportunities at Catholic High School

1. LA GATOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Qualifications for participation in the program for 2026-2027 have not yet been released and are dependent on funding from the Louisiana Legislature. CHS will communicate this information as it is made known.

Students who participated in the LA GATOR program for the previous school year (2025-2026) should qualify in 2026-2027.

LA GATOR Online Resources:

Link to additional information: LA GATOR Families or search online at LA GATOR Scholarship Program.

The LA GATOR Scholarship Program page (<https://doe.louisiana.gov/topic-pages/louisiana-school-choice/la-gator>) serves as the central hub for information about Louisiana's new school choice initiative. The site will be regularly updated with important program details and resources.

2. ACE Scholarships:

The Louisiana Tuition Donation Credit Program allows qualified Louisiana children to receive scholarships to participating K-12 private schools, allowing parents to choose the school that will best prepare their children for college, careers, and for life.

ACE is open to students who attended a public school in 2025-2026 or who were on the ACE program or Louisiana Scholarship Program at a private school in 2025-2026.

Participation is based on income (250% or below of current Federal Poverty Guidelines) and number of persons in the household. ACE Scholarships Louisiana is a School Tuition Organization and offers scholarships to eligible children on a first come, first served basis for as long as funds are available. Average award is approximately \$4,500 per student per school year.

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Additional information and applications for new and renewal applicants will be available beginning February 2, 2026, on the ACE website at www.acescholarships.org, then choose "Become A Scholar." You must have a current FACTS account to apply. Deadline to apply is April 15, 2026.

3. Arete Scholarships:

Arete Scholars exists to help economically disadvantaged children reach their highest potential through an educational opportunity. Through private contributions from corporate and philanthropic partners, Arete awards need-based K-12 scholarships and empowers parents to place their children in schools that best suit their unique gifts and learning needs.

Arete currently operates in Louisiana under the Tuition Donation Rebate Program. Scholarship eligibility is based on the income guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRL).

Arete is open to students who attended a public school in 2025-2026 or who were on the ACE program or Louisiana Scholarship Program at a private school in 2025-2026.

Participation is based on income and number of persons in the household. Awards average between \$4,500 - \$4,900 per student per school year. Applications open in February 2026 and the deadline is May 31, 2026. Applications are not considered complete until all required documentation has been submitted with their application. A complete list of required documents can be found [HERE. www.aretescholars.org](http://www.aretescholars.org).

4. Aspiring Scholars Scholarships

The Aspiring Scholars Program offers families the option for their children to experience the high-quality academic and spiritual opportunities provided by Louisiana Catholic schools. Aspiring Scholars works to help build access to a high-quality educational experience in a nurturing, faith-based environment. Our participating schools encourage the maturity of the whole person, with emphasis on academic preparation in accordance with Christ's teachings.

Families seeking to apply for an Aspiring Scholars tuition scholarship must meet three criteria:

1. Residency: Family must reside in the State of Louisiana
2. Prior School Year: Students must meet one of the following prior school year requirements: Participated in the LA GATOR program in the previous year;
 - Participated in the Tuition Donation Credit Program in the previous year (through Aspiring Scholars or through Ace, Arete, Son of A Saint);
 - Attended a public school in Louisiana on October 1st and February 1st
3. Income: Have a family income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty guidelines, as established by the federal government.

Aspiring Scholars - New Orleans, LA or <https://www.aspiringscholarsla.org/>

5. Tuition Assistance through Catholic High School

Tuition assistance is available for students whose families are unable to pay the full cost of tuition. Families must apply through FACTS and submit all requested supporting documentation. 100% assistance is not considered, regardless of income or family situation.

Applications for tuition assistance for the 2026-2027 school year are due on Friday, April 17, 2026. Available tuition assistance funds through Catholic High School are limited by budgetary constraints. Applications submitted after the deadline may not be considered, depending on funds already distributed. Applications are to be completed and submitted online through your activated FACTS account for the 2026-2027 school year. Select FACTS Grant & Aid to complete and submit the application.

All families who apply for tuition assistance from Catholic High School must also apply for the LA GATOR Program, ACE and Arete, depending on qualifications for these programs.

For more information concerning tuition assistance at Catholic High School, please contact CHS Finance Director, Stuart Sonnier, at ssonnier@catholichigh.org or CHS President, Lisa Harvey, at lh Harvey@catholichigh.org.