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A Shared Commitment ACTUAL COST OF EDUCATION



The A.C.E. program at St. Mary’s Academy the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Names, inviting families to fully support their daughter’s education through a shared commitment to philanthropy and community. For the 2026-2027 school year, the actual cost to educate each student is \$27,150, while the subsidized tuition cost is \$21,660, creating a \$5,500 gap to fund.

\$5,500
Gap



\$21,660
Subsidized
Tuition

Membership

\$5,500 *Fully Tax-Deductible Gift*

BENEFITS

- Membership Benefits Include:
- **A.C.E. SPIRIT PASS** – Free admission to 3 Rivers League athletics and SMA theater events
- Recognition in school publications
- Payment options: FACTS, check, donor-advised fund (DAF), or stock
- Eligible for employee matching programs



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- **Special SMA events**
- **A.C.E. SPIRIT PASS - free admission for 3 Rivers League athletics and SMA theater events**
- Recognition in publication materials
- Special Updates & Communication with Development

A.C.E. SPIRIT PASS

The A.C.E. SPIRIT PASS gives you and your household members free admission to:

- All 3 Rivers League athletic competitions—for all men’s and women’s sports, across all teams, including football games.
- All St. Mary’s Academy theater productions during the 2026–27 school year.



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Program Details



What is the A.C.E. Program?

The Actual Cost of Education (A.C.E.) Program invites families to pay the full cost of educating their daughter at St. Mary's Academy. While tuition is set at a subsidized rate to keep SMA accessible, the actual cost is higher. A.C.E. helps bridge that gap.

Why is there a gap between tuition and actual cost?

St. Mary's Academy upholds a deeply rooted commitment to access, offering a subsidized tuition model that ensures girls who seek a St. Mary's education has the opportunity to pursue it, regardless of background.

How does A.C.E. work?

Families who join A.C.E. make a fully tax-deductible gift of \$5,500 in addition to tuition. This gift can be paid through FACTS, check, donor-advised fund (DAF), or stock. Employer matching gifts are welcome.

How does A.C.E. impact St. Mary's Academy?

Your A.C.E. gift strengthens every part of the SMA experience:

- Supports the highest quality education by funding innovative programs and resources that prepare young women to lead and thrive.
- Invests in world-class faculty and teaching staff, ensuring SMA attracts and retains exceptional educators who inspire and challenge students.
- Expands access and diversity by sustaining robust financial aid programs, making an SMA education possible for students from all backgrounds.
- Every dollar of your A.C.E. contribution directly fuels our mission of educating young women grounded in faith, excellence, and belonging.

Who can I contact for more information?

Please reach out to the Director of Parent Relations - Kirsten Goetz '95
kirsten.goetz@smapdx.org 503.721.7734

A Shared Commitment

**THANK
YOU!**



Academic Excellence

Your support fuels innovative teaching, technology, and top-tier faculty who inspire students to think critically, lead confidently, and excel.

Student Wellbeing

Educating the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—your generosity strengthens programs that foster student wellness, belonging, and personal growth.

Robust Student Activities

From athletics and arts to clubs, leadership, retreats, and service, your gifts power the vibrant experiences that build confidence, friendships, and purpose.

Access & Opportunity

Your generosity affirms our long-held commitment: that any girl who seeks a St. Mary's education should have the opportunity to pursue it.

Because of you...

St. Mary's Academy remains a place where young women are challenged academically, supported wholly, and empowered to lead lives of integrity, compassion, and courage. Your investment touches every classroom, every program, and every student—every single day.



"St. Mary's Academy works hard to make a world-class education accessible to all girls throughout our community. This takes consistent intention, courage, teamwork, and operational excellence. We deeply value this effort and are grateful to be able to support it by paying the full cost of tuition through the A.C.E. program."

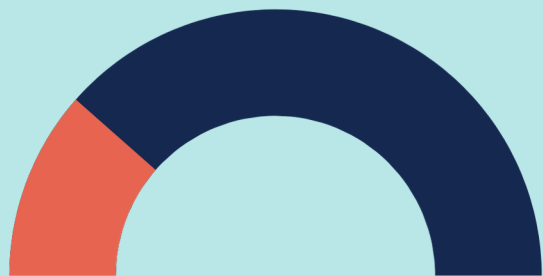
- Jenny and Scott Warnick



St. Mary's Academy

Why We Fundraise

Actual Cost of Education



- 2026-26 Tuition: \$21,660
- Actual Cost to Educate Each Student: \$27,160
- SMA-Provided Subsidy Per Student \$5,500*

A.C.E. donation = \$5,500

Funding the Gap Supports:

Faculty



Sports



Arts



STEM



Wellness & Leadership



- 45% of St. Mary's families are on tuition assistance
- \$2 million in tuition assistance provided in the 2026-27 school year
- The average financial aid package is \$8,000



How We Fund the Gap

- Raising over \$3 million annually

\$1.4 million
Annual Fund

\$1 million
Auction

\$500,000
Food for Thought

\$100,000
Student Fundraiser

