



Blessed Sacrament Catholic School
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Dear Parents,

I want to share with you scholarship and grant opportunities that we have available for perspective parents and our current parents to help financially support your child's education!

Following, you will see the eligibility requirements for several scholarships and grants. Please take a moment and review the criteria to see if you are eligible. The scholarship and grants include:

- **AAA Scholarship**-AAA Scholarship Foundation works with schools in each of our scholarship states to make Academic Achievement Accessible. We can not do that without excellent schools for families to choose from. Each state has individual guidelines determined by the laws of the state and accountability guidelines of the AAA Scholarship Foundation. Please see the information below to view details on school participation.
<https://www.aaascholarships.org/schools/florida/>
- **Diocese of St. Petersburg Elementary Schools Tuition Aid Grant:** This grant is available to baptized and registered Catholic students in the diocese. Eligibility is based on the number of people per household and certain levels of gross monthly income. More information regarding the scholarship opportunity may be found at <http://www.dosp.org/schools/diocesan-assistance/> Applications are due by March 31, 2019 with full and completed required documentation, no later than April 15, 2019. You may apply at <https://factsmgmt.com/>. **You must apply to be considered for any tuition assistance!**
- **MARY C. FORBES FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:** This scholarship is available to those residing with the Diocese of St. Petersburg. The scholarship will be based on significantly on financial need. However, academic merit shall also be evaluated. Please call the office for an application if you feel you may qualify.
- **McKay Scholarship:** This program is a limited scholarship for students with qualifying disabilities that have an IEP or 504 plan and moving from a public school to a private school. Requirements include:
 - Student was enrolled in a public school the previous October and February.
 - Have been a pre-kindergarten student who was enrolled in a public school the previous October and February and was at least 4 years old.
 - Student was a pre-kindergarten student who was reported as having received Specialized Instructional Services by the Office of Early Learning and was at least 4 years old.If you feel your child meets these requirements, you may apply for the scholarship at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/mckay/>
- **Step-Up for Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program:** This is an income based scholarship program. Last school year the tuition assistance award was \$6815.00 per student per year to help pay for tuition and fees. Eligibility is based on the number of people per household and certain levels of gross monthly income. While the new applicant phase has not begun et, you can find more information at <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/for-parents/income-based/how-the-scholarship-works/> Applications for students previously enrolled in this program have already begun. If you have received this aid in the past and have not reapplied, please do so as soon as possible. New applications are open effective February 8, 2019.

I hope that sharing these opportunities will allow you to make an accurate assessment of the worthwhile investment in Catholic education. Please feel free to contact me at bclark@bscschool.com if you have further questions.

Blessings,

Mrs. Becky Clark