



Cathedral School St. Jude the Apostle

- 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://dosp.org/schools/diocesan-assistance/>. If you receive a Step-Up Scholarship or McKay Voucher, you are not eligible to receive this assistance. Applications are due by March 31st, 2017, with full and completed required documentation, no later than April 16th, 2017. You may apply at <https://www.factstuitionaid.com/facts/gaindex>.

- Step-Up for Kids Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program:

This is an income based scholarship program last school year was worth up to \$5,886 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 yet, you can find more information at <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/>. 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 will begin in the spring. Step-Up will contact us with that date and we will communicate that to parents as soon as that information is available.

- McKay Vouchers:

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:

- o Student was enrolled in a public school the previous October and February.
- o 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.
- o 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

<https://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Intent/McKayIntent/StudentIntent.aspx>.

- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Education Program (VPK):

If you live in Florida and have a child who turns 4 years of age by September 1, your child is eligible for Florida's FREE VPK program. This includes free preschool in the EC4 classrooms for ½ of the school day.

- The Mary C. Forbes Foundation:

This scholarship is available to those residing within the Diocese of St. Petersburg. The scholarship will be based significantly on financial need. However, academic merit shall also be evaluated. Please call the office for an application if you feel you may qualify.

- Catholic Foundation Bridge Scholarship:

There are a limited amount of scholarships available to new students only that are eligible to receive the Step-Up for Kids Scholarship. The Bridge Scholarship funds the difference between the amount of tuition and fees owed at the school and the amount of scholarship funds received through the Step-Up program.