

FAQ – Tuition Credit Grant Program

What is the New Tuition Credit Grant Program?

Much like a college student aid package, LCSS wants to ensure that families from all income ranges can choose Catholic education for their children. We understand that affording Catholic education for families that fall just outside of the School Choice Scholarship program (“vouchers”) or tax credit scholarship (SGOs) income guidelines can be challenging. We have therefore started a new program called the Tuition Credit Grant Program. This program applies when family income exceeds limits imposed by State Choice Scholarship or SGO criteria. Our hope is to assist families that may not have applied for K-12 education grants in prior years. The table below represents the income guidelines and the current award. We are hopeful that we can continue to increase this award each year with our endowment fundraising efforts. The application process for this award will be quick and painless. To apply for the Tuition Credit Grant, you will submit your 2018 federal taxes with a simple one page application form.

Tuition Credit Grant Program Family Grant Amounts		
Number of family members enrolled in K-12	300% LCSS Tuition Credit Grant* (new)	400% LCSS Tuition Credit Grant* (new)
1	\$200	\$100
2	\$400	\$200
3	\$600	\$300
4	\$800	\$400
5	\$1,000	\$500
6	\$1,200	\$600
7	\$1,400	\$700

* See table below for grant criteria

INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019-20 TUITION CREDIT GRANT

		\$200 Tuition Credit Grant	\$100 Tuition Credit Grant
	200% of Free & Reduced Lunch Program	300% of Free & Reduced Lunch Program	400% of Free & Reduced Lunch Program
HOUSEHOLD SIZE		2018 AGI minus charitable donations is between 200% and 300% of the Free & Reduced Lunch Income Guidelines	2018 AGI minus charitable donations is between 300% and 400% of the Free & Reduced Lunch Income Guidelines
2	\$ 62,567	\$ 93,852	\$ 125,136
3	\$ 78,921	\$ 118,383	\$ 157,844
4	\$ 95,275	\$ 142,914	\$ 190,552
5	\$ 111,629	\$ 167,445	\$ 223,260
6	\$ 127,983	\$ 191,976	\$ 255,968
7	\$ 144,337	\$ 216,507	\$ 288,676
8	\$ 160,691	\$ 241,038	\$ 321,384
VALUE OF AWARD		Tuition Credit Grant is \$200 per K-12 child.	Tuition Credit Grant is pro-rated between \$100 and \$200 per K-12 child.
HOW DO I APPLY?		COMPLETE: 1. Tuition Credit Grant Application (one page) 2. Attach Federal taxes and supporting documents of charitable contributions 3. \$0 app fee	COMPLETE: 1. Tuition Credit Grant Application (one page) 2. Attach Federal taxes and supporting documents of charitable contributions 3. \$0 app fee

Should my family apply for student aid?

Applying for student aid at LCSS is similar to applying for student aid in college. If you would apply for student aid for your child in college, we encourage you to apply at LCSS, too. Approximately 56% of our families apply and receive some form of student aid based upon financial need. We especially encourage you to apply if your Adjusted Gross Income falls into one of the programs listed above. However, there are other factors that are considered, so even if you fall just outside of these guidelines we encourage you to apply. We are committed to making sure that Catholic education remains a high value for your family and continues to be affordable. Please contact Barb Schummer, Student Aid Coordinator, for more information at bschummer@lcss.org or 765-474-7500.

Should my family apply for the Tuition Credit Grant Program?

Yes! If you do not wish to apply for a full student aid option but your adjusted gross income less your charitable contributions falls into the ranges outlined above, you should apply. Our Tuition Credit Grant Program requires only an abbreviated application that only takes a few minutes. Please contact Barb Schummer, Student Aid Coordinator, for more information at bschummer@lcss.org or 765-474-7500.