

The mission of Family Aid Catholic Education (FACE) is to

- ◆ *Provide tuition assistance that enables children from diverse low-income families to attend Catholic schools, and*
- ◆ *Help children and families break the cycle of poverty and disadvantage by supporting access to quality Catholic education in the Diocese of Oakland.*

FACE Granting Guidelines for 2015-2016

Individual FACE tuition assistance grants are **\$1,750 for grades K-8 and \$3,050 grades 9-12**. Students may receive grants from multiple sources with the exception for students qualified for FACE and The BASIC Fund. In this event, a single grant will be awarded from either funder. For combined grants from multiple sources, a total of up to 85% of the total amount of tuition expense may be granted. Based on a written recommendation of recipient's school principal, exceptions above this amount may be made at the discretion of the Associate Director of FACE.

Students shall be considered only if they meet all the following minimum criteria:

- (1) Maintain eligibility for admission to, or continued attendance at, a Catholic school in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland as determined by said school
- (2) Have a completed current year application on record with Private School Aid Service (PSAS), a third party company providing financial need assessment
- (3) Have demonstrated qualified financial need as determined through PSAS analysis of information submitted in financial aid application.

Due to limited resources, grants are made according to the following priority groups:

- 1st Priority** Elementary School Students who received a FACE grant in 2014-15. High School students who received a FACE or BASIC Fund grant in 2014-15.
- 2nd Priority** Siblings of returning who have received a FACE or BASIC Fund grant in 2014-15.
- 3rd Priority** All others students with qualified financial need as determined by PSAS analysis in order of grade starting from kindergarten and proceeding to grade 12 until available granting resources are exhausted. Within grade grouping, award priority is assigned based on the highest qualified financial need.

Note: Some grants are made in accordance with special donor restricted preferences of named tuition assistance funds that are in addition to the minimum qualifications used to determine financial need.

It is the goal to make grant decisions by June 2015 with notice to follow shortly after. Pending enrollment verifications, grant payments will be made to schools for students in October 2015 and in March 2016. **No consideration will be given to any applications that are not fully completed by the published deadlines.**