

# Financial Aid

Thank you for choosing Saint Lawrence Catholic School for your child's education. As a Catholic School, we do not receive funding from the local government or school system. We rely on tuition to help us provide the space, materials and teachers our students need. We value your commitment to Catholic education and want to let you know what resources are available to help pay for your child's education with us.

## **Kids-Care – Preschool classes**

Students must be at least 3 years old by August 1<sup>st</sup> in order to attend Kids Care. We accept CCDF and On My Way PreK grants towards Kids-Care tuition. Generally speaking, you apply for CCDF and On My Way PreK through the State of Indiana.

Here is an information page and links to the online application for **On My Way PreK**:

<http://in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4932.htm>

Here is an information page for the **CCDF** program in Indiana:

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/3900.htm>

Once approved for either program, you then chose us as your care provider. Ms. Kathryn Kutan, Kids Care Director, can fill out the provider forms necessary for your CCDF or On My Way PreK confirmation meetings. Saint Lawrence does not have any private scholarship grants or funds for Kids Care. Kids Care students do not qualify for multi-student or parishioner rates.

## **Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes**

Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must be registered and accepted for enrollment at Saint Lawrence Catholic School before applying for any financial aid. You will apply for financial aid directly through our school. We will automatically apply multi-student and (verified) parishioner rates before applying for financial aid. You do not need to fill out application forms for those. Here is a link to our current tuition rates: <http://saintlawrence.net/school/index.php/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/current-tuition-rates>

We have three main types of financial aid. After your student has been registered and accepted for enrollment, we will send you the financial aid application packet. Here are some links you may find helpful about financial aid and Catholic schools.

- Indiana CHOICE Voucher Eligibility Information – English y Español –

<https://www.in.gov/doe/students/indiana-choice-scholarship-program/>

- Saint Lawrence CHOICE Scholarship Brochures – English y Español –

<https://school.saintlawrence.net/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/choice-scholarships>

- Income Guidelines from the Indiana Department of Education - – English y Español -

<https://school.saintlawrence.net/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/income-limits-for-choice-scholarships>

## Our Three Main Types of Financial Aid For Qualified K-8 Students

We recommend that applications for all 3 types of financial aid be submitted through the school before July 1, 2022. If your child is accepted for enrollment after July 1<sup>st</sup>, you can still submit applications for aid. All financial aid application forms are available through Mrs. Handley.

1. Saint Lawrence Catholic Elementary School is currently participating in the Indiana State Scholarship program (HEA 1003) also known as "CHOICE Scholarship" or "voucher". A new application must be submitted for each qualified student each school year. To qualify for the voucher, you must meet the income guidelines AND one of the Eligibility Pathways listed in the links above. Each pathway has its own requirements for eligibility. CHOICE applications are processed as they and completed tax documents are received.

2. We offer the Tax Credit Scholarship program through The Institute for Quality Education SGO. Families must meet the same household income guidelines as for CHOICE above. A new application must be submitted for each qualified student each year. Tax Credit Scholarship applications are processed the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>.

3. Financial assistance through the Father Beechem Scholarship Fund at Saint Lawrence Catholic Elementary School will be available on a case-by-case basis as funds become available and any applications received will be considered after we have attempted to qualify you under (1) and/or (2) above. FBSF applications are processed the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**All forms** of financial aid require a completed copy of your 2021 federal taxes (1040) that includes all members of the household listed on the taxes on page 1 and signatures on page 2. If there is verified reason that you cannot provide a copy of your 2021 federal taxes, you will need to contact Mrs. Handley to fill out detailed household size and income verification forms for the State. If your household has experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19, you will need to submit the letter from your employer to show that the loss was involuntary.

\*\* The only exception is families that are applying for the voucher whose financial eligibility we can directly certify through the State of Indiana.

Anyone who needs financial assistance this year will need to fill out the financial aid packet and return it to Mrs. Handley. Those packets will go out to families **whose students have been registered and are accepted for the 2022-2023 school year**, along with a bill for the registration fee. The registration fee will be due within 30 days after registration acceptance.

Mrs. Handley will be able to meet with families that wish more information and guidance. Please contact her directly to make an appointment. Mrs. Handley can be reached at [mhandley@saintlawrence.net](mailto:mhandley@saintlawrence.net) (317) 546-4065, Ext. 341.

After all of your financial aid applications have been processed, Mrs. Handley will contact you with your finalized payment amount for the school year. It is highly recommended that you apply for financial aid as soon as possible so that all forms can be processed and you can begin your monthly payment plan. If you have past school debts of tuition or fees with us, please contact Mrs. Handley to request a payment plan for those debts. **Students will not be accepted for the 2022-2023 school year if they are on conduct or academic probation or their tuition account is not current/paid in full by May 28<sup>th</sup>.**