

# MACS Tuition Assistance Program Information

Funds for the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) Tuition Assistance program are provided by the Parishes in the Charlotte Vicariate. The funds are reserved for tuition costs only and do not include Capital fees, instructional, bus, activity or graduation fees. Grants do not cover the entire tuition cost. Families with **registered** full-time students in grades TK-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to apply for tuition assistance. The percentage of tuition assistance granted to families varies each year depending on the number of families applying. Not all families who apply for tuition assistance qualify.

Applications for tuition assistance are available at the MACS Business Office and the individual school offices after January 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Applications are also available online at [www.charlottediocese.org/admissionsinfo.html](http://www.charlottediocese.org/admissionsinfo.html). Applications are mailed to and processed through a third-party organization, PSAS (Private School Aid Service).

There are deadlines for three rounds for **completed** tuition assistance applications listed below. Completed applications must be received by PSAS by the deadline to be considered for the round. Applications with missing information will not be considered received until all information is provided.

- First Round Deadline: **March 1<sup>st</sup>**-results are mailed to families in mid May
- Second Round Deadline: **June 1<sup>st</sup>**-results are mailed to families 8 weeks after deadline
- Third Round Deadline: **September 1<sup>st</sup>**-results are mailed to families 8 weeks after deadline

**Although the PSAS service in Ohio may have processed your individual application and completed your analysis prior to the deadlines noted above, the results are sent to the Tuition Assistance Committee only after each round is complete.** In this manner we are able to reduce overall costs and provide more funds for assisting other families. Tuition assistance applications received after the Third Round deadline will be processed by PSAS in monthly rounds beginning in October through April.

Incomplete applications for any round will not be processed and will be held at PSAS until complete information is submitted.

The final determination of any grant is based on the information submitted on the application and the student need as determined on the PSAS report. These results are sent to the Tuition Assistance Committee in rounds not by individual application. PSAS does not award the grants. The decision to grant or deny a family any funds is made by the Tuition Assistance Committee. You will be notified by letter of the results of your application by the Tuition Assistance Committee. Do not call the MACS Business Office for the results of your application as they do not have responsibility/information on any family's tuition assistance application.

Families wishing to participate in the tuition assistance program must apply every year. Receiving a grant one year does not automatically ensure a grant the following year. The number of families applying may change and the ranking of each family's need will change.

The due date for annual tuition payments and the scheduled drafting of tuition and fees is not affected by a tuition assistance application in process. Your account will be drafted as noted on your registration information until the results of your application are determined by the committee in a letter sent to you by the committee. Drafts cannot be held pending tuition assistance application results. Registration of your students also cannot be delayed pending tuition assistance application results. A student must be accepted and registered in order to receive tuition assistance application results.

For common questions and answers about filling out the application, or to check the status of the application process, please go to [www.psas.org](http://www.psas.org).

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