



DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA ✝ AQUINAS SCHOLARSHIP

The Aquinas Fund was established by the Bishop to provide scholarship funding to Catholic students attending Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. Schools and parishes are encouraged to fundraise in support and promotion of the Aquinas Fund. Principals and Pastors inform and promote the scholarship in their communities.

Eligibility extends to Catholic students attending grades TK to eighth, whose families are registered members, active in their parish, practicing their faith, and are in financial need for tuition assistance to assist their attendance in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. Aquinas Scholarships are awarded annually. Therefore, families must apply annually as there is no year over year guarantee of receiving the scholarship. The endorsement of their Pastor and Principal is required for all applicants.

Application Deadline – March 15

Criteria for Selection:

- Roman Catholic Student entering grades Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
- Registered and active at a parish within the Diocese of Santa Rosa
- Financial Need – as determined by a completed FACTS application www.Factsmgt.com
- Attend or desire to attend a Catholic School in the Diocese of Santa Rosa (see: <https://srdiocese.org/schoolfinder>)

Application Requirements:

- Meet all the criteria for selection as listed above.
- The family must be registered, active, practicing Catholics (attend Church regularly) in a Diocese of Santa Rosa parish. Verification from your principal/pastor is required.

To Apply:

To apply for the Aquinas Fund Scholarship for the upcoming school year, the applicant-family must complete the online application (www.factstuitionaid.com) which will calculate financial need.

The cut-off date for completing the online application with financial information is March 15. No applications will be considered by the Diocese after this cut-off date.

The Department of Catholic Schools will receive verification of financial needs from FACTS Tuition Aid and will verify the requirement of being active and practicing the Catholic faith from the Pastor and Principal.

Determination of scholarship awards will be shared with Principals in April and families will be notified by their school of attendance at that time.

Scholarship awards are released directly to the Catholic school of attendance.