

Dear St. Michael Families,

St. Michael Parish School is deeply committed to providing tuition assistance to all families demonstrating financial need. All families who request tuition assistance for the 2016-2017 school year are invited to apply for tuition assistance through the Fulcrum Foundation Hossfeld Tuition Assistance Program. Both Fulcrum and St. Michael Parish School use the same application process and timeline. By applying to Fulcrum, you are also applying for tuition assistance through our school endowment. Tuition assistance will only be granted for next school year by completing this application process.

The tuition assistance application window is nearly here. If you plan to apply for tuition assistance for the 2016-2017 school year, then you need to apply between November 2 and January 15. The amount of each Fulcrum grant is \$1,100.

This year, The Fulcrum Foundation is partnering with FACTS to manage the collection and processing of tuition assistance applications. Award decisions will be made by Fulcrum and will still be based on financial need. The partnership between Fulcrum and FACTS carries many benefits and creates an efficient and streamlined tuition assistance application process. Some of these benefits include eliminating the need to submit application paperwork to the school (everything is submitted electronically) and just one application is needed per family (elementary and high school students at multiple schools are included on one family application).

Each family will pay a \$24 fee to FACTS for the processing of your tuition assistance application. This fee covers all applications for one year, and will be fully reimbursed as long as the student(s), regardless of whether or not they are awarded a Fulcrum grant or not, enrolls in a Catholic school for the 2016-2017 school year. The application can be accessed here:

<http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/apply-for-grant/assistance/> starting on November 2.

Once an online application has been completed, please send the required supporting documentation to FACTS. All of this documentation can be uploaded in PDF format online:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.
- Copies of your 2014 W-2 forms for both you and your spouse.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Documentation can also be faxed to 866-315-9264 or mailed to FACTS. If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866-441-4637.

Blessings,
Connor Geraghty