

**ST. GABRIEL PARISH TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR
ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC PARISH SCHOOL**

St. Gabriel Catholic Parish School believes in providing quality Catholic Christian education of the whole child within an environment which fosters a positive self-image. St. Gabriel Catholic Parish School is committed to assist qualified families with financial aid to afford the tuition of St. Gabriel Catholic Parish School.

Application Procedure

1. Application for tuition assistance is available at the Parish Office or Website.
2. Applications are submitted to the Parish Office by May 1 for the following school year.
3. One application is sufficient for all siblings attending the School.
4. Awards are not automatically renewed. Families must apply annually.

Eligibility

1. Financial eligibility is based on family size and adjusted gross income (AGI) from the IRS Form 1040 of the previous calendar year.
2. A family with an AGI at or below 175% of the established Federal Poverty Level is eligible for tuition assistance at the 50 % level.
3. If there are special circumstances such as unexpected loss of income, medical costs or other situations, exceptions to the above may be made to affect tuition assistance at either a higher or lower rate than the 50% level.
4. Family attendance at weekly Mass, Parish financial support and participation in Parish activities are also considered to determine eligibility.
5. Families must have no unpaid balance for tuition in previous years in order to submit an application for tuition assistance for the upcoming year.

Review and Approval

1. Applications for school education tuition assistance are submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Pastor for initial review to start the approval process.
2. A Tuition Assistance Interview Team of two Parish Members schedules a personal visit with the applicant to verify information in the application and to seek any other information helpful in determining need and eligibility. The Interview Team submits its written notes and recommendation to the Pastor on a prescribed form.
3. The Pastor makes the final decision and notifies the family of the outcome.
4. Family privacy is stressed during this process. As much as possible the identity of families and children receiving tuition assistance is not shared with faculty and other families and children.

Funding

An Endowment Fund for Catholic Education is established specifically to cover the cost of tuition assistance.