

Diocesan Tuition Assistance

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How does my school opt in to Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA)?**

The School Tuition Assistance Request (STAR) form will be available to business managers, principals, and other financial aid personnel in January 2019 via the [Digital Academy](#). Schools will use this form to indicate their decision to request or decline diocesan tuition assistance (DTA). If a school opts out of DTA consideration, they will be removing families from the option of receiving diocesan funds, and will rely completely on their own school and/or parish funds to provide support to their students.

Completed STAR Forms due: February 1, 2019

2. **Who will be the grant and financial aid assessment provider for the 2019-20 academic year?**

After a successful application cycle over the 2018-19 academic year, we are pleased to once again use **FACTS** Grant and Aid to determine DTA awards.

Last year, schools had the option to either participate with limited functionality/access to their families' data, or to contract with FACTS for full access to reporting and data. Please keep in mind that contracting is a no-cost option that will provide each school with the full spectrum of FACTS Grant & Aid capabilities. If your school or parish requires financial assessment to distribute financial aid, we recommend contracting with FACTS Grant & Aid.

3. **Where do our families access the FACTS application?**

The application may be accessed online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. While applications for DTA officially open in January of 2019, families with incoming freshman may have started the application earlier due to the acceptance decision timeline of the high schools. To be considered for diocesan tuition assistance, these families must update their application with 2018 tax documentation when available.

As of 2019, paper applications are no longer available, and applications must be completed online.

4. **Why should a family fill out a FACTS application?**

We believe that the *FACTS* application is an objective and credible tool for identifying financial need, the qualifying factor among those who apply for tuition assistance. Completion of the *FACTS* application is required in order to be considered for Diocesan Tuition Assistance.

5. **What are the deadlines for families to apply for Diocesan Tuition Assistance?**

As in past years, the OCFE will offer two sessions to apply for DTA, with reconsideration opportunities after each.

Deadline for Round 1: March 15, 2019

Deadline for Round 2: June 1, 2019

6. Is there any reason a parent should not fill out a FACTS application?

- If the school or parish has decided **not** to participate in the DTA process and are not using FACTS Grant & Aid to award local funds.
- If the June 1, 2019 deadline has passed. Please **do not** invite parents to apply after the deadline, as application verification and consideration cannot be guaranteed after this date.
- If their income level indicates that they are not in need of tuition assistance.
- If the student has other **private scholarship funding** which significantly contributes to or substantially covers the cost of tuition, e.g., scholarships from a religious community; special academic scholarships; memorial scholarships.

7. My school utilizes another FACTS service such as Tuition Management or Renweb. Will families at my school be able to use a singular login between the Grant and Financial Aid Assessment and other products?

Please contact the FACTS Account Management team at (866) 412-4637 for assistance.

8. Who can we contact with questions?

For questions about DTA, please contact:

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For questions about FACTS, please contact:

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