Finance Literacy & Affordability Guide

McDonell Area Catholic Schools is committed to financial transparency and affordability for families. Tuition, fees, and financial aid are managed through FACTS Financial, FACTS Tuition Management, and FACTS Grant & Aid. The following outlines tuition costs, available discounts, and options for financial assistance.

78% of our **4K-12** grade students receive tuition assistance



44% of 4K-12 grade students receive free tuition



2025-26 Tuition Chart

	Kindergarten	1st-5th	6th-8th	9th-12th
Estimated Cost to Educate 2025-26	\$12,100	\$12,100	\$12,500	\$14,800
MACS Discount (Provided by the Annual Fund, Alumni, and Community & Parish Supporters)	-\$6,913	-\$6,807	-\$7,157	-\$7,365
Non-Parish Tuition	\$5,187	\$5,293	\$5,343	\$7,435
Parish Discount (Subsidy provided by partner parishes)	-\$1,519	-\$1,552	-\$1,565	-\$2,166
Parish Tuition	\$3,668	\$3,741	\$3,778	\$5,269

- MACS Family Cap: \$17,050 Maximum Non-Parish Out-of-Pocket Tuition per Family
- Additional Supporting Parish Discount of \$4,800 = Supporting Parish Family Cap: \$12,250
- New families will need to obtain a letter from their pastor verifying that they are active members of a supporting parish in order to receive the parish discount.



Tuition Assistance Breakdown

78% of our 4K-12 grade students receive tuition assistance*



31% of our students qualified for free or reduced lunch*



*2023-24 school year statistics

29% of our students were Choice program students*



Affordability Programs Available for Grades 4K through 12:

- Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: full scholarship through Wisconsin DPI (income-based)
- Special Needs Scholarship Program: full scholarship for students with qualifying Individualized Education Plans
- MACS Employee Tuition Waiver: full or partial waiver for children of MACS employees
- MACS Guardian Angel Scholarship: needs-based MACS financial aid for families who do not qualify for the above programs

After the Net Tuition is calculated, the following credits may apply:

- Other Scholarships or Credits (e.g. incoming freshmen parish scholarships)
- Referral Credit (applies to the oldest child only)
- Family Cap (divided equally among children in the family)
- Scrip Credit (from prior year Scrip margin purchased by the family or someone else on their behalf, e.g. a grandparent)

Financial Assistance Checklist for MACS Families:

- Prepare Documentation: Make sure you have a valid email and gather any necessary income and residency documentation.
- Complete Online Application(s): Use the FACTS Grant & Aid (Guardian Angel) or Wisconsin Parental Choice application portals to complete your application.
 - a. We encourage new families to complete both applications. They are completely separate processes with different requirements.
 - b. Current families with children entering grades K,1,or 9 should consider applying for Choice based on comparing their most recent adjusted gross income to the current DPI limits.
 - c. Families interested in SNSP may find more information on how to apply by contacting the Enrollment Coordinator or going to the DPI website.
- Submit Supporting Documents: Submit required documents directly to the school(s) within the application period to finalize your application.
- Follow Deadlines. The DPI Choice application deadline is April 17 and the MACS Guardian Angel application deadline is April 30.

For any additional information, families are encouraged to contact the MACS Enrollment Office. We are here to answer your questions and enable your family to feel confident about choosing Catholic education!

