

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Qualifications for Receiving Catholic Elementary School
Parish Tuition Grant
2025-26

St. Patrick's Church is committed to assisting parents with the financial responsibility of providing a Catholic elementary school education (K-8) for their children. The parish will provide this assistance by way of a parish tuition grant for all registered and participating parishioners upon request. The grant assures that St. Patrick parishioners pay the "parishioner rate" at diocesan Catholic elementary schools.

This commitment requires active membership and financial support to St. Patrick's from the parents who receive this assistance. The Diocese of Columbus defines active parish membership and parish financial support with the following statement:

In order for a family to be acknowledged by the parish as a "participating member," it is necessary that they be registered in the parish, that they are recognized by the pastor as a family participating in the sacramental life of the parish; that they contribute time and talent to the ministries of the parish; and in agreement with the pastor, that they regularly contribute an appropriate portion of their annual income to the financial support of the parish.

The criteria to be eligible for the parish tuition grant are as follows:

1. **Families are strongly encouraged to apply for FACTS Grant & Aid and Ed Choice through the school.**
2. Families **must be registered for one full year** before applying for the grant.
3. Families **attend Mass at St. Patrick Church** on a regular basis.
4. Parents **contribute consistently to the parish** by use of the WeShare on-line donation platform, or through their bank's automatic bill payment services. **WeShare is preferred and strongly encouraged!**
5. Parents must follow the required two (2) step application process. (See Page 2 of this packet, *Process for Applying for Tuition Grant*, for detailed instructions.)
6. Parents are required to **contribute time and talent to organizations and ministries** of the parish. (See Page 4 of this packet, *Ministries and Organizations*, for suggestions.)
7. Only one grant can be paid to one school per year.
8. In the event the family leaves St Patrick Church during the subsidized school year, the grant will be prorated for the time spent as parishioners.
9. Only parents or legal guardians/custodians may apply.
10. **Tuition Grant Applications** must be completed and returned to the Parish Office **no later than April 5, 2025**. Return by hand, US mail or email a PDF to businessmanager@stpatrickcolumbus.org. (Note: jpeg or other photo formats will not be accepted.)
11. **Tuition Grant Agreements** must be completed by parents and the enrolling school and returned to St. Patrick's by April 21, 2025; finally, the Agreement must be approved and signed by the Pastor no later than April 30, 2025 for the next, upcoming academic year.

Please Note: For high school students, St. Patrick's contributes an amount established by the Diocese per each student per academic year. **There is no grant agreement needed for high school students.**

Thank you for all that you do by way of sacrifice to provide for a Catholic school education for your children, one of the best investments you can give them. With your active contribution of time, talent and treasure, you will be able to receive assistance with the considerable financial burden that comes with the choice of a Catholic school education.

God bless,



Rev. Paul Marich, O.P.
Pastor

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Please note: Tuition grant is a significant expense to the parish. It is essential that we budget properly for it, thus all deadlines noted are firm.

The process of applying for parish tuition subsidies is a two-step process. Please read this packet completely and follow the directions closely. Contact business manager Frank Hartge, (614) 240-5911, with questions.

Step one:

Parents must obtain a *Tuition Grant Application* from St. Patrick Parish, complete it and **return to the Parish Office by April 5, 2025**. Return by hand, US mail or email a PDF (no jpeg or other photo format, please!) to businessmanager@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

Step two:

Once the Application has been reviewed and approved by the pastor, parents will be sent a *Tuition Grant Agreement*. If after review, the agreement is not approved, parents will receive a notification with an explanation of why the grant was not granted. (*Approval of Tuition Grant Application will be determined by the criteria detailed on Page 1 of this packet.*)

The *Tuition Grant Agreement* must be completed and returned to St. Patrick's **by April 21, 2025**. It is to be filled in by the enrolling school (Total Tuition, Parent's Cost, Parish Grant for each child). **The amount of the grant will largely be determined by the Ed Choice Grant through the school, and discussion between the school and St. Patrick.**

The Pastor will review the *Tuition Grant Agreement* and either sign it or return it to the parents if specific items need to be corrected. (*Please note that the agreement will not go into effect until it is signed by the pastor.*)

Once the *Tuition Grant Agreement* has been approved and signed by the pastor, it will be returned to the school, with a copy to the parents.

All *Tuition Grant Agreements* must be approved and signed **no later than April 30** for the next academic school year.

Please note: Since this is a significant expense to the parish, it is essential that we budget properly for it, all deadlines noted are firm.

Questions? Contact Frank Hartge at (614) 240-5911, or
businessmanager@stpatrickcolumbus.org.

Step One

Parish Tuition Grant Application 2025-26

(Submit to St Patrick Church by April 5, 2025.)

PARENT(s) Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

STUDENT LAST NAME _____

(If Different)

STUDENT FIRST NAME _____ GRADE _____

_____ GRADE _____

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I request the parish tuition grant to assist with the expense of providing my child(ren) a Catholic school education at:

Name of School _____

I make this request considering the following:

(Please check the appropriate spaces.)

- 1. I am a registered parishioner of St. Patrick Parish. ___ Yes ___ No
- 2. I attend Mass at St. Patrick's on a regular basis. ___ Yes ___ No
- 3. I contribute regularly by using envelopes/on-line offering. ___ Yes ___ No

4. I/we (the parents) contribute time and talent to the following ministries of the parish:

Signature of parent(s) _____

Date _____

Approved by pastor:

Date: _____

This form must be returned to Frank Hartge, Business Manager, by April 5, 2025
St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. Columbus, OH 43215
or as a **PDF attachment** to businessmanager@stpatrikcolumbus.org