



Good Shepherd Scholarship Announcement – 2024-2025 School Year

We are delighted to announce that the Lincoln Diocese will continue offering Good Shepherd Scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year to students attending diocesan Catholic Schools who participate in the program. Since its inception in 2019, the Lincoln Diocese has awarded over \$12.0 million in financial aid to families enrolled in diocesan Catholic Schools. During the current academic year, the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program achieved the following milestones:

- Awarded 1,551 student scholarships, totaling over \$3.1 million dollars
- Provided scholarships to 25% of Catholic School students
- Attained a 100% Graduation Rate for senior scholarship recipients (84% Nebraska Rate, 85% U.S. Rate)
- 27% of the scholarship recipients were from minority backgrounds

The **Good Shepherd Scholarship** will be increased in the 2024-2025 academic year to \$1,800 for grades K-8 and \$2,100 for grades 9-12 and will cover families within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level. The **Family Tuition Cap Scholarship** is offered to families with more than three students enrolled in the Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools. Families pay tuition for the first three students and the rest will be tuition-free (K-12).

To be eligible for the Good Shepherd Scholarship or the Family Tuition Cap Scholarship families must complete an application and upload tax document through the **FACTS Scholarship Management** program. Any family may apply, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information or to apply for these scholarships go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com.

Good Shepherd Scholarship Program – 2024 - 2025

1. Good Shepherd Scholarships (GSS) are for families who are within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level and have students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade who attend participating Lincoln Diocese Catholic Schools.
2. Family Tuition Cap Scholarships are for families with more than 3 students, families pay for tuition for the first 3 students and the rest receive free tuition.
3. Families must apply in FACTS for all scholarships and submit 2022 or 2023 Tax Forms, including the 1040 and W-2
4. The FACTS application is one \$40 fee for all scholarships, including GSS and local Catholic school scholarships.
5. Families must complete the FACTS Scholarship application each year in FACTS to be eligible for scholarships.
6. Scholarship applications start January 1, 2024 and the deadline to complete the application is March 31, 2024.
7. The definition of income follows the Federal Lunch Program guidelines (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/eligibility-manual-school-meals>)
8. To apply for Good Shepherd and local scholarships go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com

2024 – 2025 School Year Federal Poverty %	
Family Size	225%
2	\$55,935
3	\$67,500
4	\$79,065
5	\$90,630
6	\$102,195
7	\$113,760
8	\$125,325
9	\$136,890
10	\$148,455