



# Aquinas Catholic Schools

## Tuition & Financial Aid Information

### 2024-25 School Year

Aquinas Catholic Schools • 315 11<sup>th</sup> Street South • Suite 2200 • La Crosse, WI 54601

GRADE LEVEL	CATHOLIC	NON-CATHOLIC
3 year old PRESCHOOL (3 half-days/per week)		\$2,610
3 year old PRESCHOOL (5 half-days/per week)		\$3,215
4 year old KINDERGARTEN (5 half-days/per week)	\$3,215	\$3,435
ELEMENTARY (5K - Grade 6)	\$4,210	\$6,290
MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 7 & 8)	\$5,050	\$6,890
HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9 - 12)	\$8,900	\$10,750
HIGH SCHOOL (International Student)		\$14,975

## FEES

### **Enrollment Fee (For New and Current Families)**

\$100 per family is due at the time of enrollment. Families completing the registration process and submitting their registration fee by February 28th will have their fee credited towards their tuition in the fall.

*No registration fee required for WPCP (Choice) verified families.*

### **International Student Enrollment Fee**

\$200 per student is required at the time of enrollment.

### **Other Fees**

Families may be asked to pay for special events at various grade levels such as graduation/commencement, field trips, retreats, and course-specific fees. Instructions will be provided on how to pay the other fees.

**ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

## TUITION PAYMENT METHOD AND PAYMENT PLANS

ACS provides online access to family tuition accounts through Skyward, with payment options for tuition and fees. Skyward partners with e-Funds to provide a secure payment portal to facilitate online financial transactions.

Families can use Skyward and e-Funds to confirm their account balance, review transaction history and make payments via credit card or automatic bank draft.

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

1. Payment in full due in August
2. Two payments due August and January
3. Monthly payments beginning July or August, ending in May

**ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MAY 31st**

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

ACS Tuition Aid Applications (FACTS) | Apply January 22nd - April 15th

James L. Kiffe Grant | Apply January 8th - April 15th

Wisconsin Parental Choice (Voucher) Program | Apply February 1st - April 18th

## TUITION BILLING & PAYMENT POLICIES

### **Billing and Payment Options:**

Billing statements, along with details on various payment plan options, will be provided to families in July. The Catholic tuition rate will apply to families who are registered members of a Catholic parish. Parish membership will be verified. Families not registered at a Catholic parish will be billed at the Non-Catholic rate. ACS provides families online access to their financial account through Skyward with options for managing the payment of tuition and fees. This system can be used to confirm account balances, view transaction history and make payments via credit card or automatic bank draft. Families can choose to pay their tuition bill in a variety of ways over 1 - 11 months.

### **Late Entry & Early Withdrawal:**

Students who begin attendance at Aquinas Catholic Schools within the first two weeks of classes will be billed the full annual tuition rate. After the 2nd week of classes, late enrollees will be billed on a prorated basis. Tuition for early withdrawals will be prorated on the same basis, as well as any financial assistance awards. Tuition credits for early withdrawals will be posted to the family's tuition account in Skyward. If a family has overpaid, a refund check will be issued by the Aquinas Catholic Schools Finance Office.

### **Family Accounts:**

Aquinas Catholic Schools relies upon tuition collection to provide quality Catholic education to our students. Therefore, when tuition payments become delinquent, it affects the successful operation of the school system. If family financial circumstances change to such a degree that warrants re-evaluation of the tuition and fees commitment, it is the responsibility of the family to contact the Aquinas Catholic Schools Finance Office to make alternate payment arrangements.

All tuition bills must be paid by May 31st or the family must have an alternate plan for payment approved by the Finance Office. The following steps will be taken for families with unpaid balances that do not have an acceptable payment plan in place with the Finance Office:

1. Family shall receive written notification that their account is past due, with a copy of this policy.
2. Report cards and transcripts will be withheld until payment in full is received, or an acceptable alternate payment plan is implemented.
3. Students will not be permitted to pre-register or to return for the following academic year until the balance is paid in full or an acceptable alternate payment plan is in place.
4. Families not re-enrolling in Aquinas Catholic Schools for the following year will have their past due balance forwarded to an outside agency for collection, unless arrangements are made with the Finance Office.

### **Families with Senior (12th Grade) Students:**

All account billing and fees for senior students must be paid by May 15th, or the family must have an alternate plan for payment approved by the Finance Office. Senior students will not be permitted to receive grade transcripts or their diploma until the balance is paid in full or acceptable arrangements for payment are made.

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### **High School Students: James L. Kiffe Grant**

Aquinas students in grades 9-12 are eligible to receive up to an \$800 James L. Kiffe Grant with completion of the James L. Kiffe grant request form, and an additional \$500 with the completion of the FACTS financial aid application. International students are not eligible for the Kiffe Grant, nor are students participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Unrequested funds remain in the Kiffe Scholarship Fund for future Aquinas students and current students with greater need. The application can be found under the Admissions tab on the ACS website.

**THE APPLICATION PERIOD BEGINS WITH ENROLLMENT IN JANUARY AND ENDS ON APRIL 15TH.**

## FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

### **Financial Aid: Grades 5K-12**

ACS partners with FACTS to process financial aid applications for families not eligible for the Choice Program who would like to request need-based tuition aid. In order to provide an objective assessment of each family's need, families are required to submit an online application along with supporting documentation. FACTS provides a secure, confidential system where documentation sent is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed.

ACS considers the FACTS analysis as well as total family income, household size, total ACS tuition for the family, and other extenuating circumstances in the award process. Families must reapply each year. Aquinas does not award scholarships to participate in sports or based on athletic ability. International students are not eligible for financial aid.

The link to FACTS can be found under the Admissions tab on our website.

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### **Mid-Year Requests**

Families who are affected by changes to their financial situation during the school year, after the FACTS application period has closed, have the option to request a Mid-Year Tuition Aid application for consideration of the Guardian Angel funds. Forms will be available beginning September 1.

### **Parish Assistance and Scrip Program**

In addition to the ACS financial aid and grants available, many of the Catholic parishes have tuition aid funds available for their parishioners attending Aquinas Catholic Schools. A completed FACTS application is required before requesting additional assistance from your parish. Many of the parishes also operate Scrip programs, with the opportunity for a portion of Scrip rebates to be directed to your ACS tuition account. Each parish operates their own program and may assist families with any inquiries on how to get started.

### **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: Grades 4K-12**

Aquinas Catholic Schools participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. The WPCP is a state program that provides qualifying students the opportunity to attend ACS with no tuition obligation. The program is a need-based program with income, residency and age-eligibility requirements. The income limits for the 2024-25 school year can be found below. We encourage all families who may qualify to access the state's website <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/> for more information on the application process. Additional information can also be found under the Admissions tab under Enrollment on the ACS website.

2024-25 WPCP Income Limits		
Family Size	Single Parent 2023 Income	Married 2023 Income
2	\$43,384	XX
3	\$54,692	\$61,692
4	\$66,000	\$73,000
5	\$77,308	\$84,308
6	\$88,616	\$95,616
7	\$99,924	\$106,924

**Aquinas High School**

Grades 9-12  
(608) 784-0287  
315 11th Street South  
La Crosse, WI 54601

**Aquinas Middle School**

Grades 7-8  
(608) 784-0156  
315 11th Street South  
La Crosse, WI 54601

**Blessed Sacrament  
Elementary School**

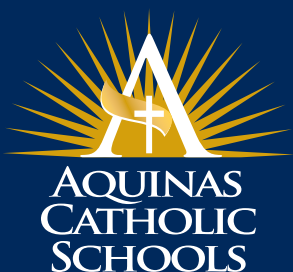
Grades 3-6  
(608) 782-5564  
2404 King St.  
La Crosse, WI 54601

**St. Patrick  
Elementary School**

Grades 3P-6  
(608) 783-5483  
127 11th Ave North  
Onalaska, WI 54650

**Cathedral  
Elementary School**

Grades 3P-2  
(608) 782-5998  
1319 Ferry St.  
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