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## St. Anthony Catholic School

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### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We, as a school and parish, continue to seek ways of ensuring that the blessings of a quality Catholic education are accessible to everyone. Financial assistance is available to students in 5K – Eighth Grade. Please review the information below concerning Financial Assistance Options and deadlines.

#### General School Assistance:

- The school offers a tuition assistance program open to all families. The application must be submitted online to <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> by **Friday, April 11, 2025**.
- Applications will be reviewed, and families will be notified electronically of their award status and amount on or before Friday, May 23, 2025.
- All information submitted during this process will be confidential and only reviewed by the school's business manager and principal.

#### Diocese of Charleston's Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Tuition Assistance Grant:

- This tuition assistance grant is for Catholic families in good standing with their parishes. Applications are available from the School office.
- All Catholic families requesting tuition assistance must submit this application before school funds will be considered for disbursement.
- The Application along with a completed FACTS financial aid application is due to the school by **Monday, March 10, 2025**.
- The Diocese of Charleston will not accept applications unless you have completed the online [FACTS](#) financial aid application as well.

#### 2025-2026 Educational Scholarship Trust Fund

- New Information - the Educational Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF), also known as the proposed K-12 Lottery Scholarship, remains a top priority in the legislature, and its approval could bring incredible opportunities for families statewide. If passed, revisions will:
  - Remove the public-school enrollment requirement from the current application.
  - Allow families to use funds for private school tuition
  - Raise the income eligibility level, making it accessible to a larger number of families
- We strongly encourage both current families and prospective families - especially those who may qualify under the current criteria of 300% above the poverty level - to apply now. Preparing early gives families priority should the NEW program take effect (which we are being told has a very strong possibility of happening)! Applications for ESTF funds for the 2025 – 2026 school year are currently open and will remain open until **March 15, 2025**. The application can be found at this link: <https://www.classwallet.com/programs/southcarolinaestf/>
- NOTE - The application does include a question of what type of school the student attended for the 2024 – 2025 school year. We have been instructed to have you choose "Other." When adding school of choice, please put down St. Anthony Catholic School, Florence, as the name of the school.

**Exceptional SC Grants:**

- Through tuition tax credits and scholarships, Exceptional SC helps students with special needs attend credentialed private schools.
- To be eligible for the scholarship or tuition tax credit from Exceptional SC, you must have one of the documents listed below to prove eligibility. The eligibility/reevaluation determination date on the document must be within the past three years.
  - Independent Medical Professional Form
  - Multi-Disciplinary Team Report (MDTR)
  - Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
  - Individualized Service Plan (ISP)
  - Eligibility Determination Letter
  - Other Letter or Document from a South Carolina public school district.
- If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact the school office.
- You can obtain more information regarding the scholarship and the application process at [www.exceptionalsc.org](http://www.exceptionalsc.org).

**First Steps 4K**

- St. Anthony Catholic School is a recognized provider under the First Steps Program which offers free tuition to qualifying 4K students. Please access the online application at <https://enroll.free4ksc.org/apply>
- For additional information about 4K First Steps Program, please check the [Preschool Page](#) on our School website.