



Our Lady of Peace
SCHOOL

Tuition Assistance

At OLP, we strive to provide families with the academic, spiritual and financial support needed for your student to succeed. We offer three types of tuition assistance in the form of grants and scholarships. You will find a complete breakdown of each fund that we offer. We encourage all families to submit an application for Erie Diocese Tuition Aid.

By completing the Erie Diocese Tuition Aid Application Form, your children may be eligible for two separate scholarship programs offered by the Diocese of Erie. You only need to apply once to be eligible for both scholarship programs, The Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program and the STAR Foundation. The Angel Tuition Fund is strictly for OLP families who have experienced a hardship and are in need of emergency tuition assistance; therefore, there is no application to submit. Please contact Rob Erb in the business office should you experience the need to seek Angel Tuition Funding.

The Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program -- A needs-based Diocesan scholarship program that helps students attend a Catholic high and/or elementary school in the Diocese of Erie. (There are no income limitations that apply to this program.)

OLP Angel Fund

We have been blessed over the years at OLP by people who value a Catholic education and want to help provide for those less fortunate. We have some "angels" who donate funding toward tuition for OLP students. The Tuition Angel Fund is an ongoing program where students in need are helped as situations arise. If you are having difficulty paying your tuition, please contact Ron Erb, Business Manager.

STAR Foundation Tuition Assistance

The STAR Foundation is a separate, needs-based scholarship program that provides tuition assistance to students who enroll in either a Catholic high school or a Catholic elementary school (including pre-K). To be eligible for the scholarship, you must meet the following income guidelines as a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The STAR Foundation was established as a result of The Education Improvement Tax Credit program established by the Commonwealth.

STAR Foundation Income Guidelines

Number of Maximum Dependents	Maximum Income (PA)
1-----	\$ 90,000
2-----	\$105,000
3-----	\$120,000
4-----	\$135,000
5-----	\$150,000
6-----	\$165,000

How it works for you:

Each family is encouraged to submit an application for STAR Foundation and Bishop Tuition assistance by **March 31st**, UNLESS YOU HAVE A STUDENT ATTENDING OLP AND ANOTHER STUDENT ATTENDING AN ERIE HIGH SCHOOL. IN THIS CASE YOUR APPLICATION IS DUE **MARCH 1ST**. You will receive your notification of eligibility and allocation no later than June 1st.

Applications for Bishops Tuition assistance and STAR funds are sent home with your registration packet. If you did not receive an application, please contact Mrs. Pundt in the school office for an application, or you may print one from:

<http://www.eriecd.org/pdf/schools/tuition15-16.pdf>.

*The applications are reviewed by a confidential outside panel and allocations are made from the Erie Catholic Diocese, not OLP.

