FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE - ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

Financial assistance is available from several sources:

- 1) Archdiocese of Baltimore (AOB)
- 2) St. Philip Neri Parish
- 3) St. Philip Neri School
- 4) Applicant's Parish
- 5) Maryland's BOOST Program

Anyone requesting financial aid from the AOB, SPN Parish or School: Families must complete the FACTS Financial Aid Application found at the link below. This application must be completed and all required documentation submitted by February 28, 2023, to be eligible for any AOB assistance. The cost to complete this application is \$35.

For NEW families applying for aid: If applying after February 28, 2023, you will receive a message stating you have missed the deadline. PLEASE CONTINUE AND COMPLETE THE FACTS FINANCIAL AID FORM.

Here is the SPN direct link: https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3QGNP

Choose "New Account" to create your account and begin the application process. Questions regarding the application process can be directed to FACTS at <u>866-441-4637</u>.

Please note that FACTS only processes the applications. The decisions for granting or denying requests for assistance are made separately by: the Archdiocese of Baltimore, St. Philip Neri Parish, and St. Philip Neri School. These decisions are made during the March-April time frame. Applicants will receive a response in May.

Anyone requesting financial aid from their parish:

Please contact your parish directly and ask if they offer any financial aid.

BOOST Program:

Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program

We are currently in our 6th year working with the State of Maryland's BOOST program. This program offers tuition assistance for those attending private schools. The big push is to offer incentives (\$1400, \$3750, \$4750) to help public school children attend a private school. The three different tiers are based on financial need. The BOOST application becomes available in April/May. It is FREE to complete the application. The decision on assistance takes some time, so please be patient.

Want to know more about the BOOST Program? Access the link below: <u>http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx</u>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Q: Is financial aid available?

Yes. Financial assistance is available. Those wishing to be considered for financial assistance must complete the online application and submit all required documentation through FACTS GRANT AND AID.

Q: What is FACTS?

St. Philip Neri School uses FACTS for tuition collection as well as for processing applications for tuition assistance.

For an explanation of FACTS Tuition and FACTS Grant & Aid:

- 1. Go to our school website FACTS page: spnmd.org/facts/
- 2. On the HOME page, click on "FACTS" in the yellow bar that runs across the bottom of the page.

Q: What is the average amount of assistance given to a family?

The amount of assistance given varies and will depend on the financial needs of the family as outlined in the completed application.

Q: Do I have to be Catholic to receive financial assistance?

No. Financial aid is available to both Catholics and non-Catholics of any or no religious affiliation. Assistance is given by the Archdiocese of Baltimore as well as by St. Philip Neri School. Many of our families receive assistance from their own parishes. Contact your pastor for more information.

Q: How do I access the FACTS website to fill out an application for financial assistance?

1. To complete an application:

- 1. Go to the FACTS link: <u>https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3QGNP</u>
- 2. Sign in to your account or "Create an Account" if new to FACTS.
- 3. Complete the FACTS Grant and Application for 2023-2024 school year.

You will only be completing your application for tuition assistance at this time. Your tuition account will be set up at a later date.

Q: Is there a fee for applying for assistance through FACTS.

Yes. The application fee, which is paid directly to FACTS, is \$35 for the upcoming school year.

Q: What is the deadline for applying for financial aid?

The deadline for completing your application and submitting all required documentation is February 28. 2023. The Archdiocese of Baltimore will only consider those applications completed and verified by that date. An application will not be verified without the submission of all required documentation. If applying after this date, you will receive a message informing you that the deadline has passed. Please continue and complete your application, supplying any required documentation, to be considered for assistance by St. Philip Neri School and/or Parish.

Q: What if I need assistance in completing the application?

You may call the FACTS support line: 866-441-4637. They are available 24/7 to assist you.

Q: When will I hear if I have received any financial assistance?

Families are usually notified sometime after the Easter school break. St. Philip Neri School and Parish will make their determinations on tuition assistance awards and notify families *after* the Archdiocese has sent out their own notifications of tuition assistance. Families will hear from their own parishes if they have approached them for financial assistance.

ALL TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT UPON SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETED FACTS APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPER DOCUMENTATION. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE A "VERIFIED" STATUS BEFORE ANY ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED.