



Catholic School Tuition and Subsidy Policy

2026-2027

Registered families with children enrolled in a Catholic school, whether parish or private, may request a tuition subsidy each year the student attends. If a parish does not operate its own school, diocesan policy requires the eligible student's home parish to subsidize the school the student attends. Schools generally provide a subsidy form that must be signed by the pastor before the family can receive the subsidy. Families seeking a parish subsidy for a child attending a Catholic school should complete the subsidy application on the Saint Philip the Apostle website.

The Saint Philip the Apostle Pastoral Council and Finance Council believe that a clear and consistent Catholic school subsidy policy is necessary to be fair and financially responsible to all parish members who support the parish. The following outlines the eligibility requirements for receiving a subsidy.

It is expected that a family enrolling a student in a Catholic school be active in their home parish. Being active entails meeting each of the following requirements:

Faithful Participation in the Sunday Obligation of Attending Mass

A key reason for choosing a Catholic school is to help a child grow in faith and worship. Children are more likely to grow in faith when they see it practiced at home. We therefore expect the child and family to attend Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation at Saint Philip the Apostle.

Financial Support of the Parish Using Online Giving, Check or Church Envelopes

Families requesting a school subsidy must commit at least \$2,600 annually to the parish. This commitment may be documented through recurring online giving. First-time applicants must have contributed at least \$2,600 to the parish in the previous year. New parish families must make a pledge commitment to the parish.

Involvement in the Parish As A Volunteer

Families requesting a school subsidy for the current school year must participate in parish ministry with their child or children. This may include serving at Mass, greeting, lecturing, helping with Mass setup or takedown, or serving in another church ministry.

The pastor will review these requirements annually for each family to confirm continued commitment. If a family does not meet all three requirements but has extenuating circumstances, a subsidy review will be conducted to determine eligibility. As a result, approval may change from year to year. If the requirements are no longer met, the pastor may deny the subsidy.

We recognize the significant sacrifice many families make to provide a Catholic school education for their children, and we offer our prayers and encouragement. This policy is intended to be fair to all parish members while continuing to support Catholic education. Similar policies are in place at other parishes in the diocese. If you have questions about the subsidy policy, please contact the Director of Administration at Saint Philip the Apostle to arrange a meeting with the pastor.

I have read the Saint Philip the Apostle Catholic Church subsidy policy and am committed to comply with all that this policy entails.

Parent's Signature

Date

Catholic School to be attending:

Name of Catholic School

Fiscal Year attending

Student Name

Grade

Student Name

Grade

Student Name

Grade

Printed Name, Address, Phone, Email:

Please scan completed form to info@stphilipfranklin.com or mail to:

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