

2024-2025 JP II FINANCIAL AID POLICY

At John Paul II High School, as a ministry of the Diocese of Dallas, we take very seriously our responsibility as stewards of the financial resources with which we have been entrusted. As a non-profit Catholic educational institution, it is not our goal to make money. Our goal is to ask our families for as little as is necessary to provide the level of instruction and formation our community expects. We welcome families committed to our mission and vision as we cultivate students who are equipped with academic, social, and emotional intelligence. We prepare students with the knowledge, skills, desire, and confidence needed to be successful and make a difference in an ever-growing, ever-changing world. Students are supported by faculty, coaches, administrators, and peers as they discover and further their passions in and out of the classroom.

When making any financial decision, regarding expenses, capital purchases, or tuition and fees, we are guided by the below principles:

- Seek to maintain the long-term financial stability of the school
- Provide the resources necessary for education and formation to fulfill our mission of Catholic education
- Offer merit-based scholarships to students who demonstrate
- Be as cost-effective and accessible as possible
- Be fair and consistent to all families

At times some of these principles may be in tension with one another. In such cases, we will give priority to the long-term health of the school, as we seek to serve both current and future families.

ABOUT FINANCIAL AID AT JP II

- Mission: Offer tuition assistance for the most qualified students in the form of tuition grants and scholarships.
- JP II awarded over \$2.5 million in tuition assistance and scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- JP II also has available scholarships based on other criteria as requested by the parents. These awards include:
 - Dallas Diocese Employee Grants are awarded to the students of the current Diocese of Dallas full and part-time faculty at Diocesan Schools.
- Tuition assistance is for tuition only and cannot be used towards registration fees, tech fees, student fees, spirit wear, food service accounts, etc.

Applying for MERIT BASED TUITION ASSISTANCE at JP II

A talented student body lies at the heart of a next-generation Catholic school. The best students enrich the quality of the classroom experience, inspire their peers, challenge their professors, and contribute to a school's academic reputation. In addition, they bring vitality and energy to every aspect of campus life.

Merit-Based Tuition Assistance is determined after a thorough holistic review conducted by the JP II Scholarship Committee. This committee reviews the credentials a student submits when applying for admission. From a student's transcript to a student's ability to effectively communicate their future contributions to the JP II community in his/her interview, all applicants are reviewed not just for admissions but for scholarship purposes as well. *Between 25 and 30% of our admitted students will be offered merit-based tuition assistance.* These awards are renewable based on predetermined academic performance metrics.

The following scholarships* can be offered to admitted JP II students:

- President's Scholarship (\$7,500 per academic year)
- Cardinal Scholarship (\$5,000 per academic year)
- Dean's Scholarship (\$3,000 per academic year)
- JP II Scholarship (\$2,000 per academic year)

***Note:** In line with the standards of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, John Paul II High School does not offer athletic or artistic scholarships to students.

Applying for tuition assistance at JP II

JP II uses FACTS Grant and Aid to collect and validate tax information. Financial information needed to complete the FACTS application must be submitted by both parents for an application to be considered complete. There is a \$40 fee to apply (can apply to multiple schools at no extra cost). JP II's Tuition Assistance Committee will make aid allocation decisions. All information submitted via FACTS is confidential; Business Office/Admissions Office personnel are the only people with access to the application. Financial Aid must be applied for each year. For the 2024-2025 academic year, the application, 2022 Tax information, and 2023 W-2 documents for prospective and admitted students must be submitted by February 23, 2024.

Once your student is accepted, the FACTS Application is complete, and all requested documents are correctly uploaded by the set deadlines, the Financial Aid Committee will review each submission. FACTS can take several weeks to review your application. Families will receive numerous reminder emails from FACTS. After an application is reviewed, a financial aid award letter will be emailed to the family.

JPII Financial Aid Committee

The JPII Financial Aid Committee consists of a minimum of no more than five members appointed by the President of John Paul II High School at the start of each scholastic year. The members of this committee will be appointed for a year-long term. Each Financial Aid Committee member will be an employee of John Paul II High School who is familiar with the JPII community, admissions requirements, academic curriculum, mission, and TAPPS rules and regulations.

The CFO shall provide the Financial Aid Committee with an annual budget for financial aid awards and the committee may not approve any financial aid award exceeding the provided annual budget. The President shall review and approve financial aid policy, processes, and statistical summaries of decisions made by the Financial Aid Committee.

The Financial Aid Committee regularly meets between February and August to deliberate and determine financial aid awards. John Paul II High School scholarship and financial aid awards, when combined, generally do not exceed 50% of a student's tuition. In unique circumstances, should a family's financial situation change during a school year, the Financial Aid Committee may re-evaluate an award and adjust an award for the current school year.

Financial aid awards are typically communicated to prospective and enrolled students during March for the following school year.

Record Keeping

Financial Aid Letters are released by the Admissions Office and copies are provided to the Business Office. John Paul II High School takes seriously its responsibility to maintain confidentiality over all financial records. We consider financial aid applications, financial information, and the amount of any aid award to be highly confidential and expect that families and students do the same. If this confidentiality is breached, we may revise or cancel any award.

Tuition Assistance Glossary

Award Letter - A letter from the JPPI Admissions Office to the student listing the financial aid awarded to the student.

Cost of Attendance - The student's cost of attendance includes tuition and fees. The cost of attendance is determined by the JPPI President and the JPPI Board of Directors

FACTS Application - The FACTS Application determines a family's ability to pay tuition and fees. This application can be found online at <https://factsmgt.com/>

Student Calculated Need - The amount by which your family's contribution falls short of covering your JPPI Tuition and Fees. It is determined by the financial information supplied in the FACTS Application.

Merit-Based Aid (Scholarships) - Financial aid that is awarded based on a holistic review of a student's admissions application. Merit-based aid is determined by considering a student's grades, ISEE test scores, extended response, teacher recommendations, interviews, and extracurricular activities.

Need-Based Aid - Financial aid that is awarded based on a student's financial circumstance. At JPPI, students apply for need-based aid by completing the FACTS application.

TUITION Assistance FAQs at JP II

WHO CAN APPLY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE?

Any current student of John Paul II High School or anyone who has applied for admission to JP II.

DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE BEFORE I KNOW MY CHILD HAS BEEN ADMITTED?

Yes. The application for tuition assistance must be completed by the deadlines. Applications received after the deadlines will only be considered if funds are available,

DOES MY APPLICATION FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE AFFECT THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS?

No. John Paul II High School admits students without regard to an applicant's ability to pay tuition or other costs of a JP II education. In addition, JP II admits students without regard to race, religion, national or ethnic origin.

WHY AM I SUBMITTING MY APPLICATION TO FACTS?

John Paul II High School works with FACTS to process financial aid applications and provide an objective evaluation of each family's financial needs. FACTS will report to JP II a need-based financial aid analysis for each tuition assistance applicant. This reporting service will allow us to evaluate the financial needs of all applicants equally using nationally established standards of best practice.

HOW IS TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARDED?

Based on the information you supply, FACTS creates a report assessing your family's ability to pay JP II tuition. JP II uses the report to guide tuition assistance decisions. The Financial Aid Committee will use the information provided in the FACT application (such as adjusted gross income, assets, medical expenses, etc.) to make financial decisions.

HOW DO I FILL OUT THE FACTS APPLICATION IF I AM DIVORCED, SEPARATED OR A SINGLE PARENT?

The JP II Financial Aid Committee believes that the School's willingness to bear any responsibility for educational costs must come after the obligation of the student's parents, regardless of the legal or personal relationships between them. Therefore, before making any award, the Committee will consider the resources of both natural parents. If the custodial parent has remarried, the resources of the stepparent are also considered, bearing in mind the obligations of the stepparent to his or her natural children.

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED TUITION ASSISTANCE? The school will notify first-year students of their tuition assistance status along with their acceptance letter. Returning students will begin to be notified of their tuition assistance offer in March.

DOES JPII MEET FULL FINANCIAL NEEDS?

Regrettably, JPIIHS is not able to meet the financial aid needs of all students who apply. All decisions are made on a year-by-year basis. There can be no assurance that a student receiving financial assistance in one year will be offered financial assistance at a comparable level, in any subsequent year.

IS MY PERSONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHARED WITH ANYONE IN ANY WAY?

No. All information you send is kept confidential, as is all information pertaining to your family's financial aid request.

IS TUITION ASSISTANCE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED EACH YEAR? No. John Paul II High School requires families to reapply for tuition assistance each year. There is no automatic renewal of need-based aid.