

ECCSS Financial Aid - 2012-2013 School Year

Total financial aid granted for the 2012-2013 school year for ECCSS was \$ 362,865.00.

- 47% of students received assistance.
- 45% of families received assistance.

ECCSS Scholarship Funds

Francis and Audrey Bauer Memorial Fund
Frank and Dee Dee Chirillo Memorial Fund
Hal and Pauline Fritz Fund
Christopher Geitner Memorial Fund
Alfred and Frances Gleixner Fund
Edward and Helen Haberberger
Memorial Fund
Msgr. John B. Hagerty Fund
Arthur and Lillian Hillebrand Memorial Fund
Betty and Lee Hoffman Family Fund
Amalia K. Fritz Lenze Memorial Fund
Harold C. and Beatrice G. Lenze Fund
Harold and Marguerite Lenze Fund of the
Elk County Community Foundation
Marian Scholarship Fund

Edward and Cecelia Kosco Meyer Family Fund
Antonio and Sigismunda Palumbo Memorial
Fund
Robert Reed Memorial Fund
George E. Rettger Memorial Fund
Walter and Louise Schaut Memorial Fund
L. James and Patricia Schlimm Bauer
Memorial Fund
Clarence and Theresa Schloder Memorial Fund
Reda and Thecla Steinhauser Memorial Fund
Vic and Dot Krellner Straub Fund
Margaret Swanson Memorial Fund
Robert Taylor Memorial Fund
Trinity Fund

Grant Funding

Bishop Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
OPEN Grants for families qualifying for free/reduced lunches
ECCSS Help-A-Student Tuition Assistance Fund
Antonio and Sigismunda Palumbo Foundation

PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) Funding

Bravo Foundation
Bridge Foundation
STAR Foundation
Children's Scholarship Fund



ECCSS Scholarship Funding Process

All families requesting financial aid must fill in the STAR Financial Aid Form and mail it directly to the Diocese of Erie for processing by an independent firm. The deadline for these applications is March 31. Financial aid is based primarily on financial need and family size. The firm processing the forms designates a “need” rating for each family. From that rating, the diocese awards its scholarships and then sends a list of ratings and diocesan awards to the finance office of the Elk County Catholic School System. The finance director may then award additional aid from our scholarship sources (listed on the other side of this sheet). No one within the system has access to these ratings except the finance director.

Families with students in preschool must fill out an additional form to be eligible for aid from the Children’s Scholarship Fund. Families with students in high school must fill in two additional short forms for in-house aid.

Families who are eligible for the “free and reduced lunch” program are automatically eligible for assistance through OPEN grants. No one in the system except the finance director and the “free and reduced lunch program” bookkeeper have access to the names of families who qualify for this assistance. Aid for these families may be as much as 25% of tuition from the STAR Fund of the Diocese of Erie and 50% of tuition from OPEN grants.

Families are encouraged to request financial aid. Our system has many sources of assistance from foundations and generous benefactors who are very willing to provide funding so that families in need can receive a Catholic education for their children.

