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Dear Principals,

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) will again be awarding tuition assistance grants to students with a verified financial need. Students entering kindergarten through twelfth grade are eligible for assistance. This school year 1742 students received \$1.8 million in financial aid through the CEF.

Families can apply on line through FACTS Grant and Aid. **This year applications will ONLY be accepted on-line. Both English and Spanish on line versions are available. The web site for the FACTS Grant and Aid Company is <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Please ensure your families apply by March 1.** Questions on any portion of the application should be directed to the FACTS Office at 1-866-315-9262. Your account representative is Adam Platt.

A frequent question that is asked is do I make too much money to receive aid? The financial aid formula considers income as well as expenses such as housing costs, number of children, and tuition costs. Please recommend that any family with a financial need complete an application. Families who were granted awards last year must re-apply and because the FACTS system has been updated to a new version and they will need to create a new account. There is a \$30 fee for the application.

Once an online application has been completed, the following information will need to be sent to FACTS to complete the application process:

- Copies of most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules (Last year's taxes are acceptable – don't wait for April 15 this year to send in your copies)
- Copies of W-2 forms for both parents
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF

All supporting documentation can be uploaded in pdf format online.

Please contact Jane Lager at jlagger@dioceseofjoliet.org or 815/221-6131 if you have any questions about this program.

Sincerely,

Jane Lager
Program Director