



# 2026-2027 Financial Aid Opportunities

## TAKE NOTE

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) has updated the financial aid application requirements for the 2026–27 academic year. CEF will accept **2024 tax returns** as the basis for financial aid evaluation. The FACTS application portal opens on **November 1**.

## CEF SCHOLARSHIP

The Catholic Education Foundation scholarship program is designed for K-12 students with demonstrated financial need currently enrolled or applying for the next school year in any CEF-supported Catholic schools within the Diocese of Joliet.

APPLICATION  
POSTS ONLINE  
**11/1/2025**

APPLICATION  
DUE DATE  
**4/1/2026**

FAMILIES  
NOTIFIED BY  
**4/15/2026**

ONLINE APPLICATION  
[online.factsmgt.com](https://online.factsmgt.com)



## KAZMA FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Eighth-grade students in the Class of 2030 who plan to attend a Catholic High School within the Diocese of Joliet may apply. The instruction sheet for the Class of 2030 and application may be found online at: [cefjoliet.org/kazma-family-scholarship](https://cefjoliet.org/kazma-family-scholarship)

APPLICATION  
POSTS ONLINE  
**11/1/2025**

APPLICATION  
DUE DATE  
**2/1/2026**

FAMILIES  
NOTIFIED BY  
**5/1/2026**

ONLINE APPLICATION  
[cefjoliet.org/kazma-family-scholarship](https://cefjoliet.org/kazma-family-scholarship)



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