# DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

## NEUMANN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

## Scholarship Program Information

The Diocese of Harrisburg, in response to the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Law (EITC), created the Neumann Scholarship Foundation. The EITC program provides tax credits to businesses that contribute to qualified scholarship organizations. The Neumann Scholarship Foundation has been approved by the State of Pennsylvania as a qualified scholarship organization. All scholarships offered by the Foundation are provided in accord with the laws governing this program.

Scholarships are offered to qualified students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Harrisburg, on the basis of need. In order to meet the state requirements, the scholarship organizations must demonstrate that families meet the state eligibility requirements. The Neumann Scholarship Foundation has contracted with Simple Tuition Solutions (STS) to process the information provided by families applying for scholarships. Scholarships are available for grades Pre-Kindergarten to 12.

**Should I apply for a scholarship?**

Using the outline below, you can determine if you meet the requirements of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Neumann Scholarship Foundation.

1. Are you a resident of Pennsylvania? Scholarships are available to PA residents only.
2. Is your child attending (or accepted to attend) a Catholic School in the diocese?
3. Does your household income fall below the state guideline for maximum income? Using the table below, compute household income, and match against the guideline. Take income information from your tax forms.

| **Household Members**: (List each member of the household that is listed as a dependent on the applicant's federal income tax return) | | **Household Income:** (List income from IRS Form filed by applicant and any dependents that are listed on the applicant's federal tax return) | | |
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| | Names | | Filed Taxes Yes/no | Taxable Income |
| Parent/guardian: | | Parent/guardian: | | |
| Parent/guardian: | | Parent/guardian: | | |
| Other members: | | Other members: | | |
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| Total Other Members: | | Total Household Income: $ | | |

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**Income Eligibility Guideline:**
Parents/Guardians maximum combined income: **$116,055**. Income limit increases **$20,428** for each additional dependent in the household. If any other member of the household files a Pennsylvania tax form, that income must be included in your calculation of household income.

**For example**, parents' combined taxable earnings are $65,000. There are two dependent children in the household. One is a high school student with a part time job, who earned $5,000. Household income is actually $70,000. However, the family's income limit for eligibility is $136,483 ($116,055 + $20,428 for each child). The family would meet the state eligibility guideline for a scholarship.

**May I apply for more than one EITC scholarship?**
Yes. There may be more than one organization offering partial scholarships in your area. The total amount of scholarship assistance you receive through the EITC program may not exceed the tuition that your family is responsible for.

## Important Reminders

1. If you determine that you may be eligible for a scholarship, applications are available on-line.
2. One application is used per family, even if students attend different Catholic schools in our diocese.
3. Please fill in all forms carefully and attach the required documents. Federal tax forms may be required. If a family is not required to file a federal tax form with the IRS they may fill in a standard 1040 form and sign it, scan it for the application with STS, but not mail it to the IRS.
4. **Applications are entered to Simple Tuition Solutions (STS) through on-line application only.**
5. Fee must be included with the application unless the local school provides otherwise.
6. While applications will be accepted until the 2026-2027 school year begins, **March 1, 2026 is the priority deadline for completed applications.**