



## Tuition Scholarship Process

*Weekly Mass Attendance and weekly envelope use is a requirement for receiving a scholarship for the 2012/2013 school year. The Finance Office verifies attendance by the frequency of your envelopes/ParishPay usage. If you are contributing using ParishPay, please make certain to deposit your offertory envelope in the collection basket every Sunday. Use of envelopes is the only way we can verify Mass regularly.*

Step 1: To be considered for a Nativity Catholic School scholarship and Diocese of St. Petersburg Tuition Assistance, please apply online at <https://www.factstuitionaid.com/facts/gaapp>. Financial Contracts, the Tuition Scholarship online application, and all supporting tax documents must be submitted by **March 9, 2012**. This means that a tuition scholarship application must be submitted and in a verified status by March 9, 2012. A verified status represents that all supporting tax documents have been received and processed by FACTS. Please allow time for processing documents. **Note: Tuition scholarship online applications received after March 9, 2012 will be placed on a waiting list for a Nativity scholarship.**

You need only submit one online application for Nativity Catholic School and the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Should there be any recent changes or circumstances that have affected your financial situation, then please make certain to elaborate in the appropriate section of the application and/or provide separate correspondence.

Step 2: You will be notified of any Nativity Tuition Scholarship awards with your first 2012/13 tuition invoice mailed on **April 1, 2012**. Notifications of awards from the Diocese of St. Petersburg will not be made until late May.

Step 3: All families must submit their first tuition payment by **May 1, 2012**.

Step 4: Any other tuition assistance awards you may receive will be applied at the time Nativity is officially notified by the grantor. At that time, your remaining tuition balance will be decreased by the amount of the other award.



We have received correspondence from Step Up For Students that, due to a spike in demand in the program, the application process will begin sooner than in previous years. Therefore, renewal families can apply online in February. In March, the online application will be available to new families. Step Up For Students awards scholarships are based on income, not academic performance that families don't have to repay. You may be eligible if:

- Your child is entering 2nd through 12th grade and attended a Florida public school for the entire previous school year OR
- You child is entering Kindergarten or 1st grade.
- Income requirements are met.

To determine if you are eligible to receive this scholarship, please click on the following link to obtain the income requirement and other program information: <http://www.stepupforstudents.org/HowItWorks2/tabid/666/language/en-US/Default.aspx?gclid=CLyu6Z39nKsCFY1S7AodrmhzkQ>