**Email for students in Faith Formation**

Dear Families,

With summer underway, we have some exciting news to share! There are scholarships available to help pay tuition at Catholic school. This year’s school choice bill, signed on May 11 by Gov. Ron DeSantis, makes **more** families eligible for scholarships through Step Up For Students. Please see below for details, links to apply now or to join an interest an appropriate interest list.

The following is a list of students eligible **as of July 1, 2021**:

* **Students of families with higher income (i.e. nearly $100,000 for a family of 4)**- APPLY NOW BY [CLICKING HERE](https://www.stepupforstudents.org/scholarships/scholarships-for-private-school/apply/?utm_source=Catholic-CCD-Email-Income&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Email&utm_term=Email)
* **Siblings of Gardiner Scholars** - SIGN UP TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN YOU CAN APPLY BY [CLICKING HERE](https://www.stepupforstudents.org/legislative-updates/?utm_source=Catholic-CCD-Email-Legislative&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Email&utm_term=Email)
* **Dependent children of a member of the United States Armed Forces** - SIGN UP TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN YOU CAN APPLY BY [CLICKING HERE](https://www.stepupforstudents.org/legislative-updates/?utm_source=Catholic-CCD-Email-Legislative&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Email&utm_term=Email)
* **Students with one of the following diagnoses: speech impairment, language impairment, orthopedic impairment; other health impairment, emotional or behavioral disability, or specific learning disability,  including but not limited to dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia**- SIGN UP TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN YOU CAN APPLY BY [CLICKING HERE](https://www.stepupforstudents.org/legislative-updates/?utm_source=Catholic-CCD-Email-Legislative&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Email&utm_term=Email)

**Read about the new legislation:**

To read about the legislation, including any changes to the scholarship programs, and answers to some Frequently Asked Questions, please [click here](https://www.stepupforstudents.org/legislative-updates/?utm_source=Catholic-CCD-Email-Legislative&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Email&utm_term=Email).

\*Note: We encourage you to check this page often for updated information, including additional FAQs.

Please pass this information along to your families and prospective new families.

Thank you for your partnership,

Step Up For Students

**Bulletin Inserts**

Help is here to send your child to a Catholic School. More students are eligible, including those with learning disabilities, active duty military regardless of rank or pay, and increased income. Visit [www.sufs.org/catholic](http://www.sufs.org/catholic) to learn more.

*High quality images and other languages are available at* [*https://www.stepupforstudents.org/catholic-toolkit/*](https://www.stepupforstudents.org/catholic-toolkit/)*.*



**Pulpit announcement**

Hello. I’m here to tell you a few fun facts about Catholic schools. Did you know that over 99% of students who attend Catholic school graduate high school? They are also more likely to attend and graduate from college. Did you know Catholic school students are more civically engaged and more likely to vote? They are also more likely to attend Mass as an adult. There are many reasons to choose Catholic school, and these are just a few. Raise your hand if you attended Catholic school? (pause) Wow! Raise your hand if you are a student in Catholic school now. (pause) That is great!

In Florida, there are scholarships available that can be used to attend Catholic school. The Florida Tax Credit and Family Empowerment scholarships are income-based. This year, a family of four can make a little more than $99,000. The money from these scholarships can be used to pay Catholic school tuition and fees. While your family may not qualify, maybe you know of one that would. Active duty military members are also now eligible, regardless of rank or pay! The FES ESA is for students with specific disabilities such as learning disabilities, speech impairments, autism, down syndrome or anaphylaxis. Money from this scholarship can be used to pay tuition, for tutoring or other educational needs. There are other scholarships available and information about each of the scholarships can be found on our website at [www.stepupforstudents.org/catholic](http://www.stepupforstudents.org/catholic).  There is information about this in our bulletin this week too. We hope you will all consider sending your child to a Catholic school and we are thankful that a Catholic education is attainable for families in Florida.

**Radio Spots**

Now is the time to plan for the 2021-22 school year and if you are interested in sending your child to a Catholic school, there are scholarships available. It’s free money if you qualify. It’s also first come first served, so you need to act fast. Visit stepupforstudents.org/catholic to find out more.

Have you thought about sending your child to a Catholic school, but didn’t have the means? You may qualify for a scholarship. In fact, a family of 4 with an income of nearly $100,000 may qualify for a scholarship. The money can help pay for tuition and fees. The application is free, and it is first come, first served so you need to act today. Other families are making their plans for the 21-22 school year, so now is the time to act. Visit stepupforstudents.org/catholic.

**Marketing materials for members of Armed Forces**

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