

ST. KATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH  
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October 31, 2017

Dear Parents,

In the past, St. Katherine of Siena School families who applied for a BLOCS scholarship or other financial aid (except for Children's Scholarship Fund) were instructed to apply through SMART AID. This is no longer the case.

For the upcoming 2018-19 school year, the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia/BLOCS. ***Beginning Wednesday, November 1, 2017, families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. (This does not pertain to Children's Scholarship Fund). The \$30 application fee will be paid by the family at the time the application is submitted online. The priority application deadline is December 31, 2017. You are encouraged to complete your application by December 31, 2017.*** The final application date is March 15, 2018.

Beginning, November 1, 2017, your FACTS account will have a link on the sign in page to apply for financial aid. If you do not currently have a FACTS account but would like to apply for financial aid, you will need to set up a FACTS account. Instructions on how to sign up for FACTS is listed on page 2 of this letter.

Once you complete an online application, you will need to send the following information to FACTS to complete the application process:

- Copies of your 2017 Federal Tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.

FACTS recommend you upload all supporting documentation in PDF format online. You can also fax the documents, ***but FACTS strongly encourages you to upload your documents to avoid problems receiving the information in a timely manner.*** Please be sure to include applicant ID on all correspondence and keep copies of all documents you send for your records, as we will not have access to this information.

If you have questions or concerns about the financial aid application process, please call a FACTS Customer Care Representative at (866) 441-4637.

Thanks for your patience during this new application process.

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