

Aquinas Catholic Schools

Tuition & Financial Aid Information

2025-26 School Year

Aquinas Catholic Schools • 315 11th Street South • Suite 2200 • La Crosse, WI 54601

GRADE LEVEL	CATHOLIC	NON-CATHOLIC
3 year old PRESCHOOL (3 half-days/per week)	\$3,060	
3 year old PRESCHOOL (5 half-days/per week)	\$3,665	
4 year old KINDERGARTEN (5 half-days/per week)	\$3,665	\$3,885
ELEMENTARY (5K - Grade 6)	\$4,635	\$6,590
MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 7 & 8)	\$5,450	\$7,190
HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9 - 12)	\$9,275	\$11,150
HIGH SCHOOL (International Student)	\$15,575	

FEES

Enrollment Fee (For New and Current Families)

\$100 per family is due at the time of enrollment. Families completing the registration process and submitting their registration fee by February 28th will have their fee credited towards their tuition in the fall.

No registration fee required for WPCP (Choice) verified families.

International Student Enrollment Fee

\$200 per student is required at the time of enrollment.

Other Fees

Families may be asked to pay for special events at various grade levels such as graduation/commencement, field trips, retreats, and course-specific fees. Instructions will be provided on how to pay the other fees.

ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

TUITION PAYMENT METHOD AND PAYMENT PLANS

ACS provides online access to family tuition accounts through Skyward, with payment options for tuition and fees. ACS partners with e-Funds to provide a secure payment portal to facilitate online financial transactions through Skyward.

Families can use Skyward and e-Funds to confirm their account balance, review transaction history, and make payments via credit card or automatic bank draft.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Payment in full due in August
2. Two payments due August and January
3. Quarterly payments due in August, October, January, and April
4. Monthly payments plans available, with final payment due by May 31st

TUITION ASSISTANCE

ACS Tuition Aid Applications (FACTS) | Apply January 22nd - April 15th

James L. Kiffe Grant | Apply January 8th - April 15th

Wisconsin Parental Choice (Voucher) Program | Apply February 1st - April 18th

TUITION BILLING & PAYMENT POLICIES

Billing and Payment Options:

Payment plan options will be provided to families in May and billing statements will be provided to families in July. The Catholic tuition rate will apply to families who are registered members of a Catholic parish and membership will be verified. Families not registered at a Catholic parish will be billed at the non-Catholic rate. ACS provides families online access to their financial account through Skyward with options for managing the payment of tuition and fees. This system can be used to confirm account balances, view transaction history, and make payments via credit card or automatic bank draft through e-Funds.

Late Entry & Early Withdrawal:

Students who begin attendance at Aquinas Catholic Schools within the first fifteen days of classes will be billed the full annual tuition rate. After the first fifteen days of classes, late enrollees will be billed on a prorated basis. Families withdrawing within the first fifteen days of classes will have a tuition obligation equivalent to 10% prorated tuition. Tuition, as well as any financial assistance awards for early withdrawals after fifteen days of classes, will be prorated and will be posted to the family's tuition account in Skyward. If a family has overpaid, a refund check will be issued by the Aquinas Catholic Schools Finance Office.

Family Accounts:

Aquinas Catholic Schools relies upon tuition to provide quality Catholic education to our students. Therefore, when tuition payments become delinquent, it affects the successful operation of the school system. If family financial circumstances change to such a degree that warrants re-evaluation of the tuition and fees commitment, it is the responsibility of the family to contact the Aquinas Catholic Schools Finance Office to make alternate payment arrangements.

All families must select one of the payment options or be on an approved alternate payment plan established with the Finance Office. The following steps will be taken for families with past due balances:

1. Families shall receive written notification that their account is past due, with a copy of this policy and a request to contact the Finance Office and establish a payment plan within 15 days.
2. If no response is received, report cards and transcripts may be withheld until payment in full is received or an approved payment plan is established.
3. Students may not be permitted to return for the following academic year until the balance is paid in full by May 31st or an approved payment plan is established.
4. Families with Senior (12) students must have their account paid in full by May 15th. Senior students will not be permitted to receive grade transcripts or their diploma until the balance is paid in full or an acceptable payment arrangement is established.
5. Families not re-enrolling in Aquinas Catholic Schools for the following year may have their past due balance forwarded to an outside agency for collection unless an approved payment plan is established with the Finance Office.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

High School Students: James L. Kiffe Grant

Aquinas students in grades 9-12 are eligible to receive up to an \$800 James L. Kiffe Grant with completion of the James L. Kiffe grant request form, and an additional \$500 with the completion of the FACTS financial aid application. International students are not eligible for the Kiffe Grant, nor are students participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Unrequested funds remain in the Kiffe Scholarship Fund for future Aquinas students and current students with greater need. The application can be found under the Admissions tab on the ACS website.

THE APPLICATION PERIOD BEGINS WITH ENROLLMENT IN JANUARY AND ENDS ON APRIL 15TH.

FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

Financial Aid: Grades 5K-12

ACS partners with FACTS to process financial aid applications for families not eligible for the Choice Program who would like to request need-based tuition aid. In order to provide an objective assessment of each family's need, families are required to submit an online application along with supporting documentation. FACTS provides a secure, confidential system where documentation sent is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed.

ACS considers the FACTS analysis as well as total family income, household size, total ACS tuition for the family, and other extenuating circumstances in the award process. Families must reapply each year. Aquinas does not award scholarships to participate in sports or based on athletic ability. International students are not eligible for financial aid.

The link to FACTS can be found under the Admissions tab on our website.

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Mid-Year Requests

Families who are affected by changes to their financial situation during the school year, after the FACTS application period has closed, have the option to request a Mid-Year Tuition Aid application for consideration of the Guardian Angel funds. Forms will be available beginning September 1.

Parish Assistance and Scrip Program

In addition to the ACS financial aid and grants available, many of the Catholic parishes have tuition aid funds available for their parishioners attending Aquinas Catholic Schools. A completed FACTS application is required before requesting additional assistance from your parish. Many of the parishes also operate Scrip programs, with the opportunity for a portion of Scrip rebates to be directed to your ACS tuition account. Each parish operates their own program and may assist families with any inquiries on how to get started.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: Grades 4K-12

Aquinas Catholic Schools participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. The WPCP is a state program that provides qualifying students the opportunity to attend ACS with no tuition obligation. The program is a need-based program with income, residency and age-eligibility requirements. The income limits for the 2024-25 school year can be found below. We encourage all families who may qualify to access the state's website <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/> for more information on the application process. Additional information can also be found under the Admissions tab under Enrollment on the ACS website.

2024-25 WPCP Income Limits		
Family Size	Single Parent 2023 Income	Married 2023 Income
2	\$44,968	XX
3	\$56,804	\$63,804
4	\$68,640	\$75,640
5	\$80,476	\$87,476
6	\$92,312	\$99,312
7	\$104,148	\$111,148
8	\$115,984	122,984

Aquinas High School

Grades 9-12
(608) 784-0287
315 11th Street South
La Crosse, WI 54601

Aquinas Middle School

Grades 7-8
(608) 784-0156
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**Blessed Sacrament
Elementary School**

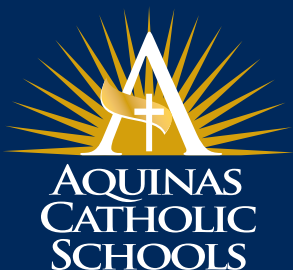
Grades 3-6
(608) 782-5564
2404 King St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

**St. Patrick
Elementary School**

Grades 3P-6
(608) 783-5483
127 11th Ave North
Onalaska, WI 54650

**Cathedral
Elementary School**

Grades 3P-2
(608) 782-5998
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