

# OVERVIEW OF DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE



Dowling Catholic is committed to making a Catholic education affordable to all, regardless of financial circumstances.

There are two need-based tuition assistance programs available to Dowling Catholic families. The Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) provides tuition assistance based on household financial need using income guidelines and family size. This is the same program available for the Des Moines Diocese parochial elementary schools. The DCHS tuition assistance program also provides assistance to families with a demonstrated financial need. The same application is used for both the CTO and DCHS tuition assistance programs, however, DCHS tuition assistance goes beyond income guidelines to also consider the specific circumstances of each family, including medical expenses, job loss, and the number of siblings in Catholic schools.

Looking at the 2019-2020 school year:

**DOWLING CATHOLIC FAMILIES HAVE RECEIVED IN TUITION ASSISTANCE TO-DATE - APPROXIMATELY HALF FROM CTO AND HALF FROM DCHS**

**\$2,230,909**

**35%**

**OF STUDENTS RECEIVED TUITION ASSISTANCE**

**221**

**STUDENTS RECEIVED AWARDS BETWEEN \$1,500 - \$5,500**

**210**

**STUDENTS RECEIVED AWARDS OF \$5,500 OR GREATER**

“ The Tuition Assistance Program through DCHS has made the impossible possible. It has always been very important to our family that our children receive a Catholic school education. We had unexpected life events occur that left us in a financial hardship. We were thankful when we found out that we could receive tuition assistance and didn't have to sacrifice the value of Catholic school education and remove our kids from school with the great teachers, administration, friends and values.

- *Anonymous and Grateful Parent*

If we have children at a K-8 Catholic school and DCHS, what level of support can we anticipate?

INCOME FAMILY OF 4	RANGE OF ASSISTANCE (CTO & DCHS)
\$40,000 - 60,000	\$3,300 - \$6,400
\$60,000 - 80,000	\$3,500 - \$5,000
\$80,000 - \$110,000	\$0 - \$4,500

\* Scenario assumes one student at DCHS and one at a K-8 Catholic school.

INCOME FAMILY OF 5	RANGE OF ASSISTANCE (CTO & DCHS)
\$40,000 - 60,000	\$6,600 - \$12,400
\$60,000 - 80,000	\$7,000 - \$10,000
\$80,000 - \$130,000	\$0 - \$9,000

\* Scenario assumes two students at DCHS and one at a K-8 Catholic school.

Families earning more than the upper limit reflected in these scenarios may still be eligible depending on individual circumstances. We encourage all families to apply for tuition assistance if it is needed.

**Can you guarantee the level of support through to graduation? For example, if we receive \$1,000 for freshman year can we plan for the same assistance through sophomore, junior and senior years?**

Over time the level of support available to our families has been very consistent. Both CTO and DCHS funding streams have a strong history and provisions have been made to continue assistance regardless of financial markets. DCHS realizes the level of assistance must be consistent for families to plan. Changes in the amount of assistance provided are typically related to increased revenue for the family.

**What is the schedule for application and receiving assistance?**

Families can apply for assistance as early as February or as late as April 1 of a student's eighth grade year. DCHS communicates the amount of tuition assistance available in June for all those who meet the April deadline. Any late applications received before July 31st will be processed mid-August.

**Tuition for 2019-2020**

Parish-participating families: \$8,226 plus fees  
 Non-participating families: \$11,512 plus fees