



## **Good Shepherd Scholarship Announcement – 2021-2022 School Year**

We are pleased to announce that the Lincoln Diocese will continue to offer Good Shepherd Scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year for students that attend Diocesan Catholic Schools. In 2020 the Lincoln Diocese awarded:

- \$2.1 million in Good Shepherd and Family Tuition Cap Scholarships (\$1.2m previous year)
- 1,340 Catholic School Students Received Scholarships (1,153 previous year)
- 20% of Catholic School Students Received Scholarships
- 100% Graduation Rate senior scholarship recipients in 2019-2020 (89% NE Rate, 85% U.S. Rate)
- 34% of scholarship recipients identify as minorities (33.5% Nebraska rate)

The Good Shepherd Scholarship will increase to \$1,600 for grades K-8 and \$1,900 for grades 9-12 and will cover families within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level. The Family Tuition Cap Scholarship will be offered again to families with more than three students enrolled in Lincoln Diocese Catholic Schools. Families who apply will only pay tuition for the first three students, the rest will not be charged tuition. To be eligible for the Good Shepherd Scholarship or the Family Tuition Cap Scholarship, families must apply through the FACTS Scholarship Management program. Any family may apply, regardless of religious affiliation. Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021. To apply for these scholarships, please go to [www.goodshepherdscholarship.com](http://www.goodshepherdscholarship.com).

## **2021-2022 Good Shepherd Scholarship Guidelines**

1. Good Shepherd Scholarships (GSS) are for students below 225% of Poverty Level
2. Family Tuition Cap Scholarships are for more than 3 students for any family, regardless of income level
3. Families must apply in FACTS and submit 2019 or 2020 Tax Forms, including 1040 and W-2 for all scholarships
4. GSS also includes the Technology Fee of \$330, the Family Tuition Cap Scholarship does not include Tech Fee
5. GSS applications start January 1, 2021, the application deadline is March 31, 2021
6. Income guidelines follow the Federal Lunch Program income definition:

*“In accordance with the Department’s policy as provided in the Food and Nutrition Service publication Eligibility Manual for School Meals, “income,” as the term is used in this notice, means income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veterans payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income.”*

| 2021        | AGI Income            |
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| Family Size | 225% of Poverty Level |
| 2           | \$39,195              |
| 3           | \$48,870              |
| 4           | \$58,950              |
| 5           | \$69,030              |
| 6           | \$79,110              |
| 7           | \$89,190              |
| 8           | \$99,270              |
| 9           | \$111,870             |
| 10          | \$124,470             |