Good Shepherd Scholarship Announcement – 2022-2023 School Year

We are pleased to announce that the Lincoln Diocese will continue to offer Good Shepherd Scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year for students that attend Diocesan Catholic Schools. Since the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program was announced in 2019, the Lincoln Diocese has awarded over $9 million dollars in financial aid to families who attend Catholic Schools. During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program:

- Awarded 1,437 student scholarships, totaling over $2.9 million dollars
- 25% of Catholic School students received Good Shepherd Scholarships
- 100% Graduation Rate for senior scholarship recipients (85% Nebraska Rate, 86% U.S. Rate)
- 30% of scholarship recipients were minorities

The **Good Shepherd Scholarship** will continue in the 2023-2024 academic year to be $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** is offered to families with more than three students enrolled in Lincoln Diocese Catholic Schools. To be eligible for the Family Tuition Cap Scholarship, families must complete the online application and pay tuition for the first three students and the rest will be tuition-free (K-12).

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. For more information or to apply for these scholarships, please go to ***www.goodshepherdscholarship.com***.

Good Shepherd Scholarship Program – 2023 - 2024

1. Good Shepherd Scholarships (GSS) are for students from 0% - 225% of Poverty Level
2. Family Tuition Cap Scholarships are for families with more than 3 students
3. Families must apply in FACTS for all scholarships and submit 2021 or 2022 Tax Forms, including the 1040 and W-2
4. The FACTS application is one $35 fee for all scholarships, including GSS and local Catholic school scholarships
5. Families must complete the FACTS Scholarship application each year in FACTS to be eligible for scholarships
6. Scholarship applications start January 1, 2023 and the deadline to complete the application is March 31, 2023
7. The definition of income follows the Federal Lunch Program guidelines (https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/eligibility-manual-school-meals)
8. To apply for Good Shepherd and local scholarships go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com

2023-2024 Income Guidelines	
Family Size	**225% of Poverty Level**
2	$41,198
3	$51,818
4	$62,438
5	$73,058
6	$83,678
7	$94,298
8	$104,918
9	$115,538
10	$126,158