



## **Good Shepherd and Kateri Scholarship Announcement – 2025-2026 School Year**

We are pleased to announce that the Lincoln Diocese will continue to offer Good Shepherd Scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year for students who attend Diocesan Catholic Schools who participate in the program. Since the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program was announced in 2019, the Lincoln Diocese has awarded over \$12.0 million dollars in financial aid to families who attend Catholic Schools. During the current academic year, the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program:

- Awarded 1,447 student scholarships, totaling over \$2.6 million dollars
- Provided scholarships to 25% of Catholic School students
- Attained a 100% Graduation Rate for senior scholarship recipients (84% Nebraska Rate, 85% U.S. Rate)
- Of the scholarship recipients, almost 30% were minorities

The **Good Shepherd Scholarship** for the 2025-2026 academic year will be \$1,800 for grades K-8 and \$2,100 for grades 9-12 and will cover families within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The **Kateri Scholarship** will continue in the 2024-2025 academic year to be \$800 for grades K-8 for those families who fall between the 226% to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.

To be eligible for the Good Shepherd Scholarship families must complete an application and upload tax documents through the **FACTS Scholarship Management** program. Any family may apply, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information or to apply for these scholarships go to [www.goodshepherdscholarship.com](http://www.goodshepherdscholarship.com).

### **Good Shepherd and Kateri Scholarship Program – 2025 - 2026**

1. Good Shepherd Scholarships (GSS) are for families who are within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level and have students in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who attend participating Lincoln Diocese Catholic Schools.
2. Families must apply in FACTS for all scholarships and submit 2023 or 2024 Tax Forms, including the 1040 and W-2 tax forms.
3. The FACTS application is one \$40 fee for all scholarships, including GSS and local Catholic school scholarships.
4. Families must complete the FACTS Scholarship application each year in FACTS to be eligible for scholarships.
5. Scholarship applications start January 1, 2025 and the deadline to complete the application is March 31, 2025.
6. The definition of income follows the Federal Lunch Program guidelines (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/eligibility-manual-school-meals>).
7. To apply for Good Shepherd and local scholarships go to [www.goodshepherdscholarship.com](http://www.goodshepherdscholarship.com).
8. The Family Tuition Cap Scholarship is no longer available through the Good Shepherd Scholarship program.

Family Size	225%	300%
2	\$45,990	\$63,450
3	\$58,095	\$79,950
4	\$70,200	\$96,450
5	\$82,305	\$112,950
6	\$94,410	\$129,450
7	\$106,515	\$145,950
8	\$118,620	\$162,450
9	\$130,725	\$178,950
10	\$142,830	\$195,450