



You can afford the education your child deserves. Find out how a CEF scholarship can make it possible.

What is Catholic Education Foundation?

Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is a nonprofit ministry of the Archdiocese that provides scholarships to help make high-quality, faith-based education possible for families who may not otherwise be able to afford Catholic school tuition.

One of CEF's scholarship programs, the **CEF Tax Credit Scholarship Program**, is funded by generous private donors who believe that everyone should have access to the school of their choice. These donors receive Kansas income tax credits in exchange for their donations to CEF.

Through this program, CEF works with schools to help parents cover the financial gaps that prevent their children from accessing Catholic education. In turn, these scholarships give parents the power to decide which education model will best serve their children.

How would Catholic education benefit my child?

A CEF scholarship can make Catholic education possible for your child, opening the door to excellent, in-person learning in a supportive environment. **Students are seeing life-changing outcomes:**

- ▶ CEF scholarship recipients achieve a **99% graduation rate**, compared to 77% of their peers in other schools.*
- ▶ A child who is black or Latino is **42% more likely to graduate** from high school if he or she attends Catholic school.**
- ▶ Nearly **97% of CEF graduates go on to college or career training**, compared with 45% of their peers in other schools.

Flip the page to find out if you may qualify, and for information on how to apply.

*Center for Labor Market Study, 2019, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, **USCCB Secretariat of Catholic Education

Contact St. John Catholic School principal Chris Reffett at (785) 843-9511. Scholarships are offered through Catholic Education Foundation, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

How do I find out if my child is qualified?

If you're interested in applying for these generous CEF Tax Credit Scholarships (which typically cover 70-85% of tuition) for your child or children, you'll need to talk with the principal of the Catholic school of your choice about your qualifications. In order to qualify, families must meet the guidelines below.

Qualifications for this scholarship require that the student(s) must be a Kansas resident between the ages of 5-19 and:

- ▶ Be entering the school for the first time - Kindergarten or transfer students only (*Note: If you already attend a Catholic school and need assistance, CEF has options available. Contact your principal for details.*)
- ▶ Have attended one of the 100 lowest performing public elementary schools in Kansas in the previous school year or, if under the age of six, live within the boundaries of one of these schools (*Ask your principal for more information.*)
- ▶ Qualify for free lunch under the National School Lunch Program (*130% of federal poverty guidelines or less; see chart at right and discuss with your principal.*)

National School Lunch Program Guidelines

For school year 2020-21

Household size	Monthly	Yearly
1	\$1,383	\$16,588
2	\$1,868	\$22,413
3	\$2,353	\$28,236
4	\$2,839	\$34,060
5	\$3,324	\$39,884
6	\$3,809	\$45,708
7	\$4,295	\$51,532
8	\$4,780	\$57,356

Scholarship qualifications may vary for 2021-22 school year. Ask your principal.



How do I apply?

Contact St. John Catholic School principal Chris Reffett at (785) 843-9511 for more information about this program and other financial assistance opportunities.



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