

Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) for 2007-2008
A Guide for School Leaders
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How does my school apply for Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA)?

Indicate your intentions with the School Tuition Assistance Request (STAR) that is mailed to you.

- Pastors and principals use STAR to request Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) for their families
- OR**
- To let the diocese know that the parish/school will use its own funds to help families, without diocesan assistance.

How do we get the Private School Aid Service (PSAS) forms?

Packets of 25 applications are available for \$7.50 each and can either be picked up at the Office of Catholic Education or may be mailed to you (with shipping cost added in) from the OCE. Please order forms from Sue Coughlin at scoughlin@dioceseofcleveland.org or 216-696-6525 ext. 1056. The form is also available online at http://oce-ocs.org/oce/parents/diocesan_tuition.shtml

What are the deadlines for families to apply for Diocesan Tuition Assistance?

The Office of Catholic Education has two rounds for the distribution of DTA. Please note that approximately 80% of the available funds will be dispersed in Round 1 to encourage parents to make early registration commitments for the 2007-2008 school year.

Deadline for Round 1: March 1, 2007

Deadline for Round 2: June 1, 2007

Why should a family fill out a PSAS form?

- To apply for Diocesan Tuition Assistance
- To apply for any individual school and/or parish assistance (local tuition assistance)

If a family filled out an “early form” for an incoming freshman in a Catholic high school, do they need to fill out (and pay for) another form for their other elementary and/or high school children?

Yes. The “early form” will only give the diocese data on the freshman, not the financial need of any other children in the family. Call PSAS at 440-892-4272 for further explanation if necessary.

What are some reasons parents should not fill out a PSAS form?

- If the school and/or parish chooses not to participate in the DTA process and does not have any local assistance available
- If both deadlines have passed and there is no assistance given at the local level
- If they think their income level indicates that they would not receive any assistance

Who can we contact with questions?

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