



## **Good Shepherd Scholarship Announcement – 2026-2027 School Year**

We are pleased to announce that the Lincoln Diocese will continue to offer Good Shepherd Scholarships for the 2026-2027 academic year for students who attend Diocesan Catholic Schools. Since the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program was announced in 2019, the Lincoln Diocese has awarded over \$17.1 million dollars in financial aid to families who attend Catholic Schools. Since the program began, the Good Shepherd Scholarship Program has:

- Provided scholarships to 22% - 25% of Catholic School students each year
- Attained a 100% Graduation Rate for senior scholarship recipients (84% Nebraska Rate, 85% U.S. Rate)
- Awarded over 9,500 student scholarships, 30% of those scholarship recipients identify as minorities

The **Good Shepherd Scholarship** for the 2026-2027 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. To be eligible for the Good Shepherd Scholarship families must complete an application and upload tax document 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 Scholarship Program – 2026 - 2027**

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 2024 or 2025 Tax Forms, including the 1040, other required tax forms and W-2 statements for each parent.
3. The FACTS application is one \$45 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, 2026 and the deadline to complete the application is March 31, 2026.
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).

<b>25-26 Fed Poverty Level</b>	
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>225%</b>
<b>2</b>	\$47,588
<b>3</b>	\$59,963
<b>4</b>	\$72,338
<b>5</b>	\$84,713
<b>6</b>	\$97,088
<b>7</b>	\$109,463
<b>8</b>	\$121,838
<b>9</b>	\$134,213
<b>10</b>	\$146,588