

# Financial Assistance for 2025-2026

## Tuition Assistance Application

We are excited to announce that the 2025-2026 school year tuition assistance application has been simplified and again will be an online-only process. The application portal ([www.doetap.org](http://www.doetap.org)) is now live. **All families are encouraged to apply.**

### **How to apply** (One application per family)

Online applications are available for electronic submission at [www.doetap.org](http://www.doetap.org). One application will be used for the Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program and the STAR Foundation, as well as other needs-based scholarship programs.

Families are required to register for an account and create a password. Electronic (scanned) copies of ALL 2024 W-2s, 1099s, and pages 1 and 2 of federal income tax returns will need to be uploaded. Unfinished applications can be saved and completed at a later date.

The application fee is \$30 and is due at the time the online application is submitted. Forms of payment are debit card, major credit card, or check.

All "Complete" applications, i.e., those with all required supporting tax documents, the \$30 payment and which are submitted by the due date, will be considered for the Diocese of Erie Tuition Assistance Program (DOETAP).

**Application Due Dates** - *All forms must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the due date below.*

### **First Friday in May (May 2, 2025):**

- Families with children applying to or attending ALL regional elementary, middle, and high schools

Apply here: [Diocese of Erie Tuition Assistance Program Application](#)

Frequently Asked Questions: [DOETAP FAQ](#) (PDF)

For more information: email your school's point of contact first.

- **Elk County Catholic School System**  
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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How do I login?**

Before you can apply for tuition assistance, you must create an account. Your username will be your email address. Each family should create one account.

### **What if I forgot my password?**

You will need to reset your password. On the login page, click “Forgot your password.”

### **How do I upload my documents?**

There are separate uploading portals that you can access to upload the required documents. Once you upload your documents, you can view them to verify you have uploaded the correct items.

### **What documents are required?**

The following documents are required:

- All 2024 Form W-2s (if applicable).
- All 2024 Form 1099s (if applicable).
- The 2024 federal Form 1040 income tax return or IRS Form 4868 if an extension has been filed and the previous year 2023 tax return.

### **Will I get a receipt acknowledging my application has been filed?**

Yes. Once you submit your application, a receipt will be sent to the email address you provided. However, be aware that a receipt does not imply that your application is approved, only that payment was received. Even when payment is received, if all the required documents have not been uploaded or if the application is missing information, the application will be denied.

### **Who do I call with questions about my application?**

Email or call the point of contact for your school.

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