Hello!

The 2021-2022 TADS Scholarship Application opens today, Monday, February 1st. **By filling out this application, you are applying for scholarships through the Diocese of Sioux City (this includes MLTF), AND you are applying for scholarships through Gehlen Catholic local assistance.** Gehlen Catholic local assistance provides additional tuition scholarships over & above the Diocesan Scholarship program and is open to all locally qualifying families, not just those eligible for the Diocesan Scholarship program. If you and your family would like an opportunity for any scholarship from these two entities, it is required to fill out the TADS application.

You will be able to log into TADS at mytads.com using the same account you used to complete your 20-21 application. If you are a new family to Gehlen Catholic, please create an account. If a current family, the email address to access your TADS account is the same as you used in 2020. The Diocesan scholarship program has specific criteria to prevent significant fluctuations in award amounts for eligible applicants. To assure consistency in award amounts, it is very important you log into TADS using the same account you used to complete your 20-21 application. Unfortunately, if you set up a new TADS account, we will not have access to your prior year awards information and cannot utilize the criteria intended to achieve consistency.

To view TADS application details, timeline, and contact information, visit gehlencatholic.org and click ‘TADS’ on the top menu. To reset your password if you can no longer access your login email address, call TADS at 800-477-TADS (8237) so TADS can update your user account.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Go Jays!

*Amy Jungers*

Development Director
Gehlen Catholic School

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**TADS TIMELINE:**

- **February 1**
  Applications available online at mytads.com.

- **March 15**
  Gehlen Catholic recommended deadline for applications to be submitted electronically to TADS with all required tax materials.

- **April 1**
  Applications must be filed electronically.

- **April 22**
  All required tax documents must be submitted electronically.

- **Mid-May**
  Award notification letters sent to all families who applied.
2021/2022 TADS Information for Parents

- At Gehlen Catholic we are happy to assist you with the application process. If you do not have Internet access to complete this application online, please call Amy Jungers at 712-546-4181 ext. 237 at the school for assistance.

- The application fee for each family is $33. If this fee is cost prohibitive for your family, please contact Amy Jungers.

- The TADS application needs to be completed no later than April 1, 2021. The application is available online at www.mytads.com in both English and Spanish. In addition to your completed application, you must include your 2020 tax return and other required income documentation. See the attached flyer from TADS for specific requirements. We urge you to complete the materials early to allow time for notification of any missing materials.

- To assist you in completing the application, you may contact the TADS call center at 1.800.884.8237 Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-6:00 PM CST via phone or by emailing tads-support@communitybrands.com for any questions. TADS will not have weekend hours, or the online chat feature available this year.

- Award notification letters will be mailed in mid-May. The complete timeline with specific information concerning the application is found below.
  
  February 1: Applications available online at www.mytads.com
  
  April 1: Submitted applications must be filed electronically by April 1. All other required tax documents must be submitted electronically by April 22. Applications with missing information cannot be processed.
  
  Mid-May: Award notification letters sent to all families who applied.

- We strongly encourage every family to complete an application. The Diocesan Financial Scholarship coupled with our local tuition assistance program will be able to make Catholic Education affordable for all.

- If you have questions about the assistance program, contact the school at 712-546-4181 ext. 237 or ajungers@gehlencatholic.org. Contact the TADS call center at 1.800.884.8237 with specific questions about the application. This is a wonderful opportunity for qualifying families.

TADS Contacts for Parents

Website to fill out application: www.mytads.com
Customer Service hours: 8:00am - 6:00pm CST Monday - Friday Toll-free contact number: 1-800-884-8237
E-mail address: tads-support@communitybrands.com
Diocese of Sioux City Scholarship Program

The Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation (MLTF) is the Student Tuition Organization (STO) created by the Diocese of Sioux City in 2006 as part of the Educational Opportunities Act passed by the Iowa Legislature. Sixteen Catholic school systems are located in the 24-county diocese providing a faith-based education to nearly 6,000 students each year. MLTF awards tuition grants to eligible families while providing donors with an Iowa income tax credit certificate worth 65% of their gift.

The Bishop’s Education Fund was created in 2012 in response to the number of families in need of tuition assistance but were ineligible to receive funds from the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation due to their household income levels. Receiving its initial funding from the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the Bishop’s Education Fund awards more than $200,000 each year to families who are registered parishioners and reimburses resources needed in religious education programs for both students and adults.

Catholic School Foundation Scholarship
Proceeds from the Bishop’s Dinner for Catholic Schools fund a scholarship grant through the Catholic School Foundation. This scholarship offers more of our families assistance with tuition throughout the Diocese of Sioux City.

2021 Income Eligibility Guidelines

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<td>for each additional person add</td>
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*Modifications to these income limits may be necessary depending on number of eligible applicants.

To apply for scholarship/grant through the Diocese of Sioux City Scholarship Program, visit your school’s website starting February 1, 2021. Deadline is April 1, 2021.

Do not delay!
You don’t want to miss out on this great opportunity to receive tuition assistance!
Visit www.mytads.com for more information.
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<td>How is income eligibility determined?</td>
<td>Your income determines if you are eligible for one of the Diocese of Sioux City Scholarship Programs. To qualify for these programs TADS will look at Line 9 from your most current tax return and will use the income eligibility chart that is provided to determine eligibility.</td>
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<td>Income eligibility guidelines</td>
<td>A chart of the current income guidelines can be found at <a href="http://www.scdiocese.org">www.scdiocese.org</a>. For the 2021-2022 school year a family of four, with total income at or below $92,750, could qualify for a MLTF award. A family of four, with a total income at or below $172,250 could qualify for a Diocesan Scholarship award. Income eligibility tables will be effective for the 2021-2022 school year.</td>
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<td>Is there any other criteria to qualify?</td>
<td>To qualify for a MLTF scholarship the family must be an Iowa resident and the student must be age 5 by Sept 15th and in a certified program. Additional scholarship funds are available for K-12 students with family incomes within the published income guidelines as discussed above.</td>
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<td>How do I apply for tuition assistance?</td>
<td>The Diocese of Sioux City Scholarship Program applications must be submitted online at <a href="http://www.mytads.com">www.mytads.com</a>. The online application link is available on your local schools website as well as the Catholic schools office website at <a href="http://www.sccatholicschools.org">www.sccatholicschools.org</a>. Please contact your local school if you need assistance.</td>
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<td>What if I don't have internet access to complete an online application?</td>
<td>Parents can contact their local school for an individual appointment to use the school's Internet access to complete an online application.</td>
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<td>Do I have to have an email address to complete the online application?</td>
<td>Email is the primary way TADS communicates with parents who have applied. We strongly recommend you provide a working email address that is closely monitored in order to receive these communications. Please contact your school rep if you need assistance establishing an email account. If you've used the TADS application previously we recommend using the same email address as your login to access your existing information. Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor their email for communications from TADS.</td>
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<td>When is the application open?</td>
<td>The online application is open beginning February 1, 2021. The application is available in English and Spanish.</td>
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<td>Do I need to fill out an application for each of my children?</td>
<td>No, only one application per household is required. Be sure to include all children on this application.</td>
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| When are applications due? When will we be notified?                  | 1st round:  
  Application due April 1st  
  Letters sent to parent in mid-May  
  Enrollment/parish registration verified by schools in early September  
  Funds sent to schools in mid-October  
  2nd round (new students only):  
  Application due September 15th  
  Enrollment/parish registration verified by schools in early October  
  Letters sent to parent in mid-October  
  Funds sent to schools in mid-November  |
<p>| Do Foreign Exchange Students qualify?                                  | Residence in Iowa is temporary for foreign exchange students therefore they would not qualify for any Diocesan assistance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |</p>
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<td>How should divorced parents apply?</td>
<td>In the case of divorced parents, the tuition responsibility of each parent should be indicated on the application. (ex: 50-50 split on tuition then award is based on 50% of tuition). Tuition assistance awarded to one parent cannot be split between the parents. If divorced parents each pay a portion of the tuition bill, then each household needs to complete an application for a possible award towards their portion of tuition.</td>
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<td>How should guardians apply?</td>
<td>Applications for students residing with a grandparent or guardian should be filled out by the individual who claims the student(s) on a tax return. TADS will use that tax return to determine eligibility and need.</td>
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<td>How should foster parents apply?</td>
<td>Families with foster children in their home should complete a separate application with just those children listed on it. Any income such as state subsidies should be included; however, no expenses need to be listed. The application should exclude all financial information of the parents and the foster parents.</td>
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<td>What if the application fee is cost prohibitive for my family?</td>
<td>If the application fee is cost prohibitive, you are encouraged to contact the school to request that they pay the fee on your behalf.</td>
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<td>Are Special financial circumstances considered?</td>
<td>Families experiencing a hardship are to be evaluated by TADS during review of the application. The diocesan award amounts as recommended by TADS cannot be altered by Diocesan staff or school representatives due to financial hardships.</td>
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<td>What if parents were not required to file taxes?</td>
<td>Those families who were not required to file taxes will need to complete the Verification of Non-Filing form (VNF). Copies of all supporting documentation for household non-taxable income such as Social Security income, Child support, Food stamps, Workers’ compensation, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are required to be submitted.</td>
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<td>What if I have questions about how to complete the application?</td>
<td>TADS is happy to assist families with questions about completing their applications. You may reach TADS staff at 1-800-884-8237, Monday - Friday 8:00am - 6:00pm CST. TADS staff are also available by email at <a href="mailto:tads-support@communitybrands.com">tads-support@communitybrands.com</a>. You may also contact your school for additional assistance.</td>
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<td>Is the Diocese of Sioux City Scholarship Program the only assistance available?</td>
<td>Many schools have local assistance programs to supplement the Diocese of Sioux City Scholarship Program awards. Generally families must first complete an application with TADS as a prerequisite to applying for local assistance. Local assistance programs, however, can create their own income guidelines or consideration of special circumstances.</td>
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<td>What if the award my family receives is not enough?</td>
<td>The Diocese of Sioux City Scholarship Program awards cannot be appealed by parents as the income guidelines are set by state law and the proportion of funds available for each family is based on the overall need of qualifying applicants. If you feel you need additional funds to supplement your award, you are strongly encouraged to contact your local school/parish about local assistance programs and any other opportunities for assistance.</td>
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<td>Can an application be withdrawn?</td>
<td>Applicants who choose to withdraw their application for financial aid must communicate directly with TADS their decision to withdraw. Neither school representatives or Diocesan staff can make this request.</td>
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<td>Who should provide income information?</td>
<td>In circumstances where a parent is living with a significant other (SO) their income information (form 1040) is to be submitted as well. TADS requires this in order to determine need.</td>
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**SECTION 6 Other Yearly Income**

1. **2020 Interest & Dividends**: This value is found by adding lines 2a, 2b, and 3b on your 1040 tax return form.

6. & 7. Include any income that is not accounted for elsewhere on this application.

**SECTION 7 If You Pay Rent**

Enter the amount you pay for rent alone; do not include utility expenses unless they are built into your monthly rental payments.

1. **Monthly Rent**

2. **Yearly Renters' Insurance**

**SECTION 8 Yearly Energy Expenses (renters and homeowners)**

If you rent, do not include these expenses if they are already included in monthly rental payments. Homeowners should report expenses.

1. **Electricity**

2. **Gas, Oil, Coal**

3. **Water, Sewage**

**SECTION 9 Assets and Expenses – Home**

Fill out this section if you are a homeowner.

4. **Current Market Value**: If you have not had a recent appraisal on your property, use the most recent Real Estate Tax Assessment.

5. **Amount Owed on Home Loans & Mortgages**: Make sure to include any second mortgages in this figure.

10. **2020 Rental Income**: Include rent or mortgage contributions from others living in home.

**SECTION 10 Assets and Expenses – Real Estate other than Home**

Fill out this section if you own any other properties in addition to your home, including rental properties, land, etc.

7. **2020 Gross Property Income**: List the total yearly gross income for properties other than home.

8. **2020 Gross Property Expenses**: List total expenses for properties. Do not include principal paid on loan or mortgage amounts.

**SECTION 11 Assets and Debt – Automobiles**

Please enter market value and current debt for the vehicles that you own in items 1, 2, and 3, and requested information for the vehicles that you are leasing in 4 and 5.

6. **Yearly Total of Vehicle Insurance Cost**: Please enter the yearly cost of insurance for all vehicles that you either own or lease.

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### SECTION 12 Assets – Recreational Vehicles/Boats
1. **Value**: Include market value for all recreational vehicles that you own. A few examples of recreational vehicles are: Motor homes, boats, motorcycles, all terrain vehicles, personal watercrafts, snowmobiles and dune buggies.
2. **Debt**: Please list amount you owe for all of the recreational vehicles that you own.

### SECTION 13 Assets – Cash, Stocks, etc.
1. **Checking, Savings, Cash, CD’s**: List current value of these accounts, along with cash on hand.
2. **Stocks, Securities, Bonds, Mutual Funds**: List current value of these accounts.

### SECTION 14 Assets – Retirement Plans
1. **Total Current Value**
   - **Self Managed (IRA, SEP, etc.):**
   - **Other Managed (401k, etc.):**
2. **2020 Contribution–Employer**
   - **Self Managed (IRA, SEP, etc.):**
   - **Other Managed (401k, etc.):**
3. **2020 Contribution–Household**
   - **Self Managed (IRA, SEP, etc.):**
   - **Other Managed (401k, etc.):**

### SECTION 15 Medical Expenses
1. **Payments Made in 2020**
   - **Medical/Dental**
   - **Prescription Drugs**
   - **Prescription Eyewear**
2. **Current Medical Debt**
   - **Medical/Dental**
   - **Prescription Drugs**
   - **Prescription Eyewear**
3. **Annual Insurance Premiums**
   - **Medical/Dental**
   - **Prescription Drugs**
   - **Prescription Eyewear**

### SECTION 16 Alimony and Child Support Expenses
1. **Child Support Paid to Others (2020)**
2. **Estimated Child Support to be paid to Others (2021)**
3. **Alimony Paid to Others (2020)**
4. **Estimated Alimony to be Paid to Others (2021)**

### SECTION 17 Day Care and/or Elderly Care Expenses (include summer camp expenses)
Do not include pre-kindergarten, as this is considered a school expense which should be listed in Section 22.

1. **Dependent Name**
2. **2020 Payments**
3. **Estimated 2021 Payments**

### SECTION 18 Charitable Giving (list your three largest contributions)
If you made tax deductible donations to non-profit organizations in 2020, list the three organizations you donated the most to and the amount of those donations.

1. **Charity Name**
2. **2020 Contributions**

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SECTION 19 Miscellaneous Debt (do not list debt on home or property, medical debt, debt for cars, boats, or other vehicles)

List the total outstanding dollar amount in each item. Do not include medical debt, vehicle debt, home loans, second mortgages or home equity loans. If you have more than one credit card, add all card balances together and enter the total amount. Documentation of any debt may be required.

1. Credit Card
2. Bank Loans
3. Loan Companies
4. Loans–Friends or Relatives
5. Education–Dependent(s)
6. Education–Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
7. Other Debt

List the total outstanding dollar amount in each item. Do not include medical debt, vehicle debt, home loans, second mortgages or home equity loans. If you have more than one credit card, add all card balances together and enter the total amount.

SECTION 21 Contributions to Education (2021–2022)

1. How much (in your opinion) can Parent(s)/Guardian(s) contribute toward the tuition of all dependents in this household next year?
2. How much per year is a non-custodial parent ordered by law to contribute toward the education of those applying for financial aid with this form?
3. How much will any other sources contribute toward the education of those applying for financial aid with this form?

SECTION 23 List all Dependents in the Household; do not include Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

If you have more than five dependents, please see submit this application then contact Tads to add any additional Dependents. Definition of “Dependent”: Any child that you can claim on your 1040 tax form is a dependent. In addition, any child who is living in your household for six months or more per year and who is under age 18 qualifies as a dependent. If you are a non-custodial parent, all children applying for financial aid should be listed as dependents, even if not living in your household and not on your taxes. Do not list Parents/Guardians in this section.

1. Dependent Earnings in 2020
2. Dependent Current Savings
3. 529 Savings Plan
4. Amount Dependent can contribute to education from earnings/savings for school year 2021-22
5. Expenses–Bus, Books, Uniforms, etc.

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When you are ready to fill out an online application, go to www.mytads.com, click on ‘Financial Aid’ and follow directions.

Contact TADS

E-mail, Telephone or Fax:

We are available to assist you with questions in filling out your application or to check the status of your application through the following:

E-mail: tads-support@communitybrands.com
Toll-free: 1.800.477.8237 We are available Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time.
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