

Iowa's new **Educational Savings Account** program provides families with an exciting new opportunity to enroll children in Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools.

Iowa Residents

Can my family use the Educational Savings Account (ESA) program for BHCS tuition for the 2023-2024 school year?

There are three ways to qualify for the ESA* in the first year of the program if you are an Iowa resident:

- 1 If your child is entering kindergarten at the beginning of the 2023 school year (regardless of income). In this case, your out-of-pocket cost for kindergarten will be \$500 after ESA funds are applied.
- 2 If your child is entering grades 1-12, and your household meets the below income guidelines. In this case, your out-of-pocket cost for grades 1-12 will be \$2,300 (per child, up to two**) after ESA funds are applied.

Educational Savings Account Income Qualifier	
Family Size	Adjusted Gross Income 300% FPL
2	\$59,160
3	\$74,580
4	\$90,000
5	\$105,420
6	\$120,840
7	\$136,260
8	\$151,680

- 3 If your child is entering grades 1-12, and is new to the BHCS system (regardless of income). In this case, out-of-pocket for grades 1-12 will be \$2,300 (per child, up to two**) after ESA funds are applied.

**To learn more about ESAs, visit: educateiowa.gov/pk-12/education-savings-accounts
**No additional tuition (beyond ESA funds) for 3rd+ children. Must still apply for ESA funds.*

If my family does qualify for the ESA program, how can I apply?

- You must apply for an ESA (directly with the state of Iowa) no later than June 30, 2023 for the 2023-24 school year. Details on how to apply will be provided soon. BHCS will offer workshop and appointments to help families fill out applications as soon as more information from the state becomes available.
- If you miss the state deadline (June 30, 2023), ESA funds **will not** be available to you for the 2023-24 school year. Hence tuition will be K - \$8,100 and 1st-12th - \$9,900. Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Funds (MLTF) are still available for eligible new students.

If my family doesn't qualify for an ESA in the first year (2023-24), what will my tuition be?

- If you do not qualify for an ESA, your tuition will be frozen at the 2022-23 rate, and 4+ students enrolled continue to be free.
- In addition to freezing tuition, BHCS is removing technology, high school activity pass, TADs application and non-Catholic fees. You must complete TADs for any local awards or assistance.

HOW TO APPLY for your ESA

The Application should open this spring at educateiowa.gov/pk-12/education-savings-accounts

Will BHCS continue to offer (non-ESA) financial assistance?

We are excited to offer even more financial assistance for families in two primary ways:

- 1 Financial Aid:** We are introducing new eligibility guidelines based on household adjusted gross income for our three financial aid programs: Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation (MLTF), Together As One (TAO) and Parent Partner. We strongly encourage you to apply through TADs (same process as before) by April 1, 2023. Exact aid amount based on specific circumstances.

2023 Income Eligibility Guidelines (FPL per Dept of HHS)

Family Size	MLTF Income AGI	TAO Fund AGI	Parent Partner AGI
1	\$58,320	\$69,225	\$110,000
2	\$78,880	\$93,670	\$140,000
3	\$99,440	\$118,085	\$180,000
4	\$120,000	\$142,500	\$210,000
5	\$140,560	\$166,915	\$250,000
6	\$161,120	\$191,330	\$290,000
7	\$181,680	\$215,745	\$320,000
8	\$202,240	\$240,160	\$360,000
Each Add. Person Add	\$20,560	\$24,415	\$40,000

- 2 Scholarships:** There are also numerous merit and need-based scholarships offered through Bishop Heelan directly each year. Visit bishopheelan.org for more details.

Can I use ESA funds for the 3-year old & Pre-K programs?

- No, ESA funds will not cover the 3-year old & Pre-K programs. See bishopheelan.org for more details on tuition and financial aid. 3yr old program Mon-Fri

3 year old program (for all year)

Monday-Friday all day \$6,300

Monday-Friday am \$4,500

Monday, Wednesday, Friday am \$2,700

Preschool Cost

\$5,300 for NE, SD and children who are not age 4 by September 15,

2023 \$4,200 for Iowa students who are age 4 by September 15, 2023

What if I am a resident of Nebraska or South Dakota?

We strongly encourage all NE & SD residents to apply through TADs (same process as before) by April 1, 2023. Exact aid amount based on specific circumstances.

Current NE & SD Families enrolled in BHCS:

- 1** Tuition is frozen at the 2022-2023 rate. In addition to freezing your out of pocket costs, BHCS is removing technology, high school activity pass, TADs application and non-Catholic fees. You must complete TADs for any local awards or assistance.
- 2** Any additional student entering in the fall of 2023 will be no more than 7.6% of the total household AGI (Adjusted Gross Income) with a \$3,000 minimum per child. 4th Student enrolled continues to be free.

New NE & SD Families enrolled in BHCS:

- 1** Sioux City Diocese/Saint Michael's South Sioux City Diocese Member: PK-12 tuition will be no more than 7.6% of the total household AGI (Adjusted Gross Income) with a \$3,000 minimum per child. 4th Student enrolled is free.
- 2** Non-Diocese members: K - \$8,100 Grades 1-12 - \$9,900

How will BHCS use tuition funds?

- The BHCS system will use additional funding to 1) increase teacher salaries, 2) add campus ministry resources and 3) support financial stability.

**BHCS transfer enrollment is contingent upon review of new students cumulative file (transcripts).
Capacity restrictions may apply.**