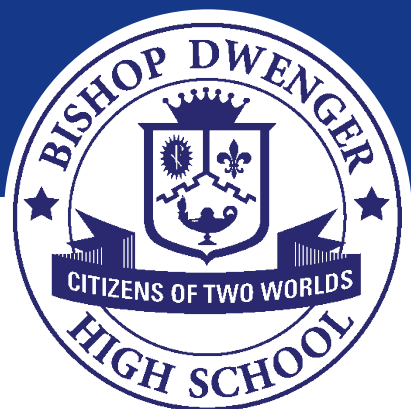


**Bishop Dwenger High School**

# **Making Catholic Education Affordable for All**



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## Tuition Assistance

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Bishop Dwenger High School makes every effort to keep tuition costs at the lowest possible level while providing a quality Catholic education for young people throughout the greater Fort Wayne area. We understand that some families may find it difficult to fully cover the cost of tuition and fees. In order to assist families in meeting the rising cost of education, Bishop Dwenger has compiled a comprehensive Tuition Assistance Program. The Tuition Assistance Program includes tuition grants, which are a result of Diocesan support, endowment fund distributions, and proceeds from our school's major fundraiser, Saints Alive! We also provide a number of need-based scholarships, which are a result of generous benefactors, our alumni, and friends of Bishop Dwenger High School. Each year, over 65% of our students and their families receive some type of tuition assistance.

Some families may also be eligible to receive an award from the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) or from the Indiana School Choice Program (voucher).

We encourage any family who is concerned about their ability to cover the cost of tuition to apply for assistance. We provide a payment plan in which the family may spread the tuition payments over a ten-month period. Contact Bishop Dwenger High School should you have any questions about our Tuition Assistance Program.

## Applying for Tuition Assistance

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Bishop Dwenger High School uses FACTS Management Grant & Aid Assessment to help determine a family's financial need. To apply for a need-based scholarship, a tuition assistance grant, or an SGO award, a family must:

- Complete the FACTS Management Grant & Aid Application by April 15. There is a nominal, nonrefundable application fee. Complete one application per family and list all Pre-K through grade 12 students who are attending private schools for which the parents are paying tuition.
- Provide FACTS with a copy of your most recent IRS Federal 1040 Income Tax Return, including all supporting tax schedules.
- Provide FACTS with a copy of your most recent W-2 Form for both you and your spouse, as applicable.

Applications for tuition assistance received after the deadline may delay, reduce, or prevent the allocation of tuition assistance. Once the applications are processed, aid is awarded based on need and availability of funds.

## **Indiana School Choice Scholarship (Voucher)**

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Bishop Dwenger High School is proud to be a Choice Scholarship School with the state of Indiana. This scholarship allows students who may have financial constraints to attend private schools. What a great way to make Catholic education affordable! A student may qualify if the family meets the income and household size guidelines set by the state. Guidelines may be found on [bishopdwenger.com](http://bishopdwenger.com).

To apply for a School Choice Scholarship at Bishop Dwenger High School, please contact the Business Office at (260) 496-4700. This scholarship must be applied for each year at the school you are attending.

## **Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)**

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The Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana provides funding to assist with tuition expenses. This funding is a result of individual or corporate gifts. An SGO award may be granted to a family who meets the income guidelines set by the state. Guidelines may be found on [bishopdwenger.com](http://bishopdwenger.com). Your completed and submitted FACTS Assessment will serve as your application for an SGO award.

## **Bishop Dwenger High School Merit Scholarship**

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The Bishop Dwenger Merit Scholarship will be awarded annually to those incoming freshmen students earning top scores on the Merit Scholarship Exam (exam administered in December of 8th grade year). Typically, five to eight scholarships are awarded in the range of \$500 to \$1,000 each. These scholarships are allocated solely on merit, not financial need, and are credited (one time) to the student's tuition bills for their freshman year at Bishop Dwenger.

## Need-Based Scholarships

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Bishop Dwenger High School is pleased to offer many need-based scholarships, the majority of which are endowed through the generous donations of alumni, parents, and friends. Typically just one need-based scholarship is awarded per student.

All scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, scholastic record, and the criteria established for each scholarship. Some scholarships are renewable provided the student remains in good academic standing, as outlined, and the family continues to demonstrate financial need.

Each year, students interested in receiving a scholarship must submit an online scholarship application (available on our website), and the parents must also submit a FACTS Management Grant & Aid Assessment. All scholarships will be awarded and applied to accounts in September. Both FACTS and scholarship applications must be submitted annually.

Additional tuition assistance may be offered in the form of need-based tuition grants. The awarding of scholarships may have an effect on the total amount of additional tuition assistance offered by the school. The deadline for all scholarship applications is April 15. Applications for need-based scholarships will not be accepted after the deadline.

A complete listing of our scholarships, how they were established, and the corresponding criteria to receive them is available on [bishopdwenger.com](http://bishopdwenger.com).

## Diocesan Tuition Assistance Opportunities

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The following are additional Diocesan tuition assistance opportunities available to incoming freshmen, as well as students currently attending Bishop Dwenger High School.

- **Parish Scholarships:** Inquire within your parish and with your pastor on the availability of scholarships.
- **Hope Scholarship Fund:** This fund is awarded only to the students of teachers or other Diocesan employees, with a FACTS application, who demonstrate financial need. Priority shall be given to teachers and then to other employees of the Diocese.

## Tuition Payment Options

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Families will be required to enroll in one of the following FACTS Payment plans during the registration process.

- **Option 1:** Pay all tuition and fees in full to Bishop Dwenger by August 1 or a family may pay one-half of all tuition and fees by August 1 and then pay the balance directly to Bishop Dwenger by December 1 (no fee).
- **Option 2:** Pay one-half of all tuition and fees by August 1 and the balance through FACTS Tuition Management by February 20 (\$30 fee).
- **Option 3:** Ten (10) monthly payments through the FACTS Tuition Management Program, or a partial payment of tuition and fees directly to Bishop Dwenger by August 1 and the balance in ten (10) monthly payments through FACTS Tuition Management (\$80 fee).

**Please Note:** Credit or debit cards may be used through FACTS Tuition Management or at school. A processing fee will be charged for this convenience.

**Please contact the following for additional information  
or with any questions you may have:**

**Business Office**

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