



# JCA Scholarships & Tuition Assistance

## Need-Based Awards

**Tuition Assistance is available through the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF)** of the Diocese of Joliet. The CEF awards \$1,000 per student to families belonging to a Joliet Diocesan Parish and demonstrates financial need. Diocesan tuition assistance information can be found at [www.cefjoliet.org](http://www.cefjoliet.org). The FACTS application is available online at [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com). Completed applications are due March 1 annually. The Diocese will inform families directly, via letter in May 2020.

***Please note that while families may not receive assistance from the Diocese of Joliet, families will still be considered for JCA Scholarships & Tuition Assistance.***

***JCA Leveraged Financial Aid Program:*** JCA offers additional assistance through scholarships and grants to families, according to financial need, ranging from \$500 - \$9,468.75. Full tuition for the 2019-2020 school year is \$12,625. Filling out the application from the **Diocese and JCA (FACTS)** and **Empower Illinois** (Tax Credit Scholarships), makes students eligible for tuition assistance.

***Empower Illinois/Tax Credit Scholarships:*** Current and incoming families can receive \$6,812.50, \$10,002.48, or \$13,336.64 scholarships via the Illinois Department of Revenue's Tax Credit Scholarship program. A student qualifies if his or her family earns 300% of the federal poverty level or less (in other words, a family of 4 earning \$75,300 or less for the 2018 tax year). Applications will be available at a TBD date and time in January at [www.empowerillinois.org](http://www.empowerillinois.org).

***Kazma Family Scholarship:*** This scholarship is offered to several students who show significant financial need and are active in their Catholic parish. The scholarship award is \$4,000 for each of the 4 years of high school with additional monetary incentives for honor roll status that could increase the scholarship to \$6,000 per year. Further information and applications are available at <http://cefjoliet.org/kazma-family-scholarship>. Completed Kazma Scholarship applications are due March 2, 2020. If you have questions, contact Shirley Roberson, Catholic Education Foundation at 815/221-6127 or [SRoberson@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:SRoberson@dioceseofjoliet.org).

***FACTS (JCA Scholarship and Tuition Assistance) must be completed by December 31 to be considered for priority Financial Aid consideration. Families are reminded that this process and Empower Illinois applications must be completed each year to receive financial aid.***

## Merit Based Awards

**Franciscan/Carmelite Scholarship:** This is a merit-based scholarship for incoming freshmen only. This scholarship is awarded based on placement exam scores; award amounts vary. Students are automatically eligible when they take the January Placement Exam. No Aid application is necessary.

**Heritage Award:** These merit-based awards focus on leadership, talent, and service. The Heritage Award can be renewed as the recipient continues to develop in those areas throughout four years at Joliet Catholic Academy. Awards range from \$1000 - \$5000 per year. Awards will be based on the number of applications received each year and can be renewed each year. The application for this award is available on the JCA website until December 7, 2019. *Applicants must take the JCA Placement Exam on December 7, 2019.*

**Frank Golf Scholarship in Mathematics:** This award does have a financial-need component, but also requires exceptional scores on the Mathematics portion of the High School Placement Test (JCA Entrance Exam). Families must fill out a FACTS application and will be contacted regarding the scholarship after the entrance exam.

## JCA Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Timeline

- ✓ **October 1-December 31, 2019** - FACTS Financial Aid window for Priority Financial Aid consideration for incoming freshmen
- ✓ **December 7, 2019** - JCA Placement Exam
  - Students will be considered for the Franciscan/Carmelite Top Scorer Scholarship and JCA Heritage Award.
  - Students will be given information on how to apply for tuition assistance using the FACTS application online & the JCA Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Application.
  - Students will be given information regarding the Kazma Family Scholarship.
- ✓ **January 2020** - Application opens for Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program; date TBA
- ✓ **February 2020** - JCA Scholarship & Tuition assistance awards letters mailed (CEF and IL Tax Credit Scholarship award timelines are not controlled by JCA)
- ✓ **February 28, 2020** - Freshman Registration (Online Early-Bird Registration deadline)
- ✓ **March 1, 2020** - FACTS application deadline for Catholic Education Foundation (CEF)
- ✓ **March 2, 2020** - Kazma Family Scholarship due to the Diocese of Joliet
- ✓ **March 19, 2020** - Freshman Celebration Night (Final Registration Deadline for the JCA Class of 2023)
- ✓ **May 2020** - The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) of the Diocese of Joliet awards its financial aid
- ✓ **July 2020** - Joliet Catholic Academy's Business Office will apply awards across tuition payment plans. (May and June are full tuition payment months on the monthly tuition plan unless a specific plan is setup with the JCA Business Office)

## What can you do today?

Realizing that JCA registration takes place in February and some financial assistance (Empower Illinois, CEF Awards, Kazma) is not awarded until late spring or early summer, we encourage you to set up a private appointment with Mrs. Kris Horn and Mr. Ryan Quigley in the JCA Admissions and Financial Aid Office. You may contact either by phone 815-741-0500 or email [khorn@jca-online.org](mailto:khorn@jca-online.org) or [rquigley@jca-online.org](mailto:rquigley@jca-online.org).