



St. Thomas More School



Tuition and Finances **2022/2023 School Year**

St. Thomas More is a Roman Catholic school and has, as its primary purpose, religious formation in a Christian environment, integrating religious truths and values with every aspect of human life. This integration begins in the home and is further developed in school. The decision to choose Catholic education for a child places upon parents the responsibility to accept the religious values upon which the St. Thomas More School educational system is founded, and further obligates them to share those values and responsibilities with their children. We are committed to making a St. Thomas More education available to all who wish to share in our mission, and welcome your review of our attendance costs and financial programs.

Cost of Attendance

The cost to attend St. Thomas More School for the 2022-2023 school year is:

- \$6,400** for full-time students
- \$3,200 for five-day half-day Preschool or Pre-K students
- \$2,240 for three-day half-day Preschool students

In addition, there is a \$200 per child (\$150 if paid on or before February 28, 2022) application fee, required at the time the application is submitted. Other than the tuition and application fee, there are **no** additional educational fees such as book or technology fees. Students at all grade levels will need at home devices and an internet connection.

Tuition Payments

- Annual: One installment, paid by August 1, 2022
- Semi-Annual: Two installments, paid by August 1, 2022 and December 1, 2022
- Monthly: Ten monthly installments, billed from August 2022 thru May 2022

All tuition payments are to be made through FACTS Tuition. Additional incidental charges for items such as field trips, gym clothes, lunch, and after school child care, will also be billed through FACTS. Families are responsible for the FACTS fee: \$20 if tuition is paid in 1 or 2 installments, otherwise \$50. A prepayment discount of \$100 (\$50 for half day) if you pay your tuition in full by August 1, 2022 on FACTS.

Service Hours

The service hour policy for the 2022-2023 school year requires all school families to work a minimum of 20 service hours in fundraisers or specific school activities or pay a \$10 per hour fee. These service hours help St. Thomas More School build community and help to keep our tuition costs low. Details and opportunities to be sent out in the fall.

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Scholarship & Grant Options to Help Cover the Cost of Tuition

After you have registered and your child has been accepted at St. Thomas More School, you can apply for the following:

Indiana Choice Scholarship

Indiana residents within the income guidelines set by the state, may qualify for the Indiana Choice Scholarship. This scholarship is provided to parents to allow them to make a choice on where their child is educated.

If you can answer **yes** to the following questions, you should qualify for an Indiana Choice Scholarship.

1. Do you live in Indiana?
2. Do you meet the adjusted gross income requirements below?

Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household Size	
Household Size	300% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility
	Annual Household Income Limit ²
1	\$71,484.00
2	\$96,681.00
3	\$121,878.00
4	\$147,075.00
5	\$172,272.00
6	\$197,469.00
7	\$222,666.00
8	\$247,863.00
9	\$273,060.00
10	\$298,257.00

If you can say yes to both questions, please contact Jennifer Gonzalez at jgonzalez@stm-school.com or 219-836-9151 ext. 2200, to start the Indiana Choice Scholarship (or SGO) approval process. You **must be fully accepted** at St. Thomas More School prior to starting this process.

Diocesan Financial Assistance

The FACTS Grant & Aid application window for Diocesan assistance will open in February. Go to: <https://dioceseofgary.org/office-catholic-schools> and select Online Application at the bottom of the page. You will be directed to log in thru your FACTS account. You must apply as soon as possible in order to possibly secure assistance. Funds are limited and are expected to be allocated quickly. There is a \$30 submission fee to process your application and you must upload your most recent form W-2 and Federal Tax Return.

St. Thomas More Angel Scholarship

You can request additional financial assistance, if needed. Applications are reviewed after the Diocesan Financial Assistance Awards have been made. You must apply thru the Diocesan Online Application process noted above.

Parish Grants

Active St. Thomas More families can apply for a Parish Grant based upon their parish status (active vs. inactive) and the amount of time families have attended St. Thomas More.