

To: All School Families
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Information was distributed in January for tuition assistance through BLOCS (Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools) for the upcoming school year. Applications just became available. If you qualify, it will serve you to make an application now while the deadline is April 15, 2010.

Families of students who are enrolling in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade in participating Catholic school **can apply for financial aid through BLOCS**. If you apply (see requirements below) there is a small application fee at the time of application.

Requirements

- ❖ Family must be a resident of the State of Pennsylvania
- ❖ Family CANNOT exceed PA Household Maximum Income Guidelines as follows:

EITC Income Guidelines	
# of Dependents	Maximum Income
1	\$60,000
2	\$70,000
3	\$80,000
4	\$90,000
5	\$100,000

Please Note: Meeting EITC Income Guidelines does not guarantee an award. Awards are granted based on the funding available and the family's financial ranking among all qualified applicants. BLOCS continues to try to assist more families each year, but the pool of applications far outweigh the funds available, therefore prudent judgment must be used before applying.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE on our school website – www.saint-margaret.org – “Tuition” page or on the Archdiocese BLOCS website: www.blocs.org

- Family can apply if you qualify. Application does not mean you will receive award.
- A non-refundable fee (\$18) is required to PSAS** with each application
- Send a copy of the application and supporting documents** to school in an sealed envelope marked “Tuition Assistance 2010”
- Deadline** for application for 2010-11 school year for BLOCS is: **April 15, 2010**

If you need help with the application process or forms, please contact the Development Director, development@saint-margaret.org or call Anne Becker 610-349-7747.

**Application for Children's Scholarship Fund of Philadelphia has different criteria, but is also available on SMS website and was previously mailed.