

### **Tuition Assistance Program**

#### **Mission Statement**

The Saint Vincent de Paul School Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) exists to assist current and prospective students (Grades K-8) in gaining a Catholic education by providing the most comprehensive financial assistance possible given our own financial abilities at any given time. We are committed to confidentiality throughout this process, and timely communication and solid family support throughout this process

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of TAP is to provide monetary assistance to students who will benefit from a Catholic education at SVdP but who cannot do so without such assistance. TAP seeks to support accepted students who would be unable to attend our school without such assistance. SVdP supports the goals of our patron saint in embracing all people and supporting them to the best of our abilities.

## **Family Expectations**

Families are expected to contribute to their child's education according to their means, taking into account their income, assets, number of dependents and other relevant information. Tuition assistance will only be offered after determining that the resources of the family are insufficient to meet the student's educational needs. The amount of aid offered will not exceed the amount need to cover the difference between the student's total educational expenses and the family's resources.

\*Note: Archdiocesan policy #5090 does not allow parents to work in lieu of tuition.

# **Eligibility**

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic School offers tuition assistance, preferably to registered parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish who contribute their time, talent and treasure to this community, or are registered and contributing members of another Catholic parish.

## **Tuition Assistance Terms and Conditions**

SVdP awards tuition assistance for a one-year term. Families are asked each year to apply, or re-apply, for assistance. This process allows an award to reflect the current needs of a family while at the same time, taking into consideration the annual budget and of the TAP program. Some families may also qualify for ACE, Schmitz and Seeds of Hope Scholarships in years when new scholarships are offered. Families who received a scholarship for the current year, will receive an email directly from outside scholarship/assistance to renew their student's scholarship. Please review the income guidelines for ACE, Schmitz and Seeds of Hope located on the school website.

#### Confidentiality

Because the amount of financial assistance awarded reflects the economic circumstances of students and their families, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish and School will refrain from any public announcements of the amount of aid offered to individual families. Staff and families are expected to respect the confidentiality of this information.

The school office will:

- Maintain strict confidentiality regarding all matters related to tuition assistance
- Maintain accurate, up-to-date records for each family considering tuition assistance
- Provide any needed customer service to families exploring the tuition assistance process
- Make award decisions through review by the Principal, admissions staff and tuition manager
- Process requests for financial assistance during the month of June
- Provide confirmation of awards to applicant families

# **Non-Discrimination Policy**

The Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Denver, under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop and at the direction of the Superintendent, attest that none of the Catholic schools discriminate on the basis of sex, race, age, handicap, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of their educational policies, employment practices, scholarship and loan programs or athletic or other school administered programs.