



# Your guide to Financial Aid at St. Thomas More High School

## THE BOTTOM LINE

Dollars and cents are important for every family making decisions about high school. But in the end, a high school decision shouldn't be just about the numbers; it should be about the best fit between student and school. If you decide St. Thomas More High School is the right fit for you, we will do all we can to help get you here.

## THE FIRST STEPS TO FINANCIAL AID:

- 1** File a FACTS application at <https://tmore.org/admissions/scholarships/>
- 2** Applications are available now. To receive early notification of your financial aid award, submit your application before the placement test
- 3** St. Thomas More contracts with FACTS to process the financial aid application and provide an independent, objective evaluation of each family's need

## THE FACTS:

- 90% of all STM students receive some type of financial aid with the average award being \$4,500
- STM financial aid is renewable for all four years – no reapplication is needed, *assuming student remains in good academic standing*
- \$1 million in aid is given to STM students each year

## QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID?



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# FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

## Merit-Based Awards and Scholarships

Scholarship	Description	How to Apply
Honors	Awarded to top scorers on the entrance exam held at STM in November	Students who take the entrance exam at STM are automatically eligible
Legacy	Available to children or grandchildren of graduates from Don Bosco, Pio Nono, St. Francis Minor Seminary, St. Mary's Academy or Thomas More	Complete and submit the FACTS financial aid application. Specify on the application for admission that the child is a legacy student
Fine Arts	Offered to students interested in visual arts, performing arts, and/or music	Complete and submit the FACTS financial aid application. An additional application form, student audition, and two letters of recommendation are also required. More information for this scholarship will be available in January
Guszkowski	Awarded to students who display persistence and determination when faced with significant personal adversity or familial hardship	Nomination of student by grade school personnel or other personal referral and student must submit an essay about the hardship and how they overcame it
Jennie Ramus	Assistance for students who demonstrate financial need and participate in the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club	Complete and submit the financial aid application, complete SADD Application, and attend all SADD meetings

## Need-Based Aid: Privately Funded

Award/Program	Description	How to Apply
Leonard Gigowski	Provides generous financial support through a limited number of half-tuition and one-third-tuition scholarships. STM awards over \$150,000 annually to each incoming class through this scholarship alone	Complete and submit the FACTS financial aid application
STM Grant Fund	Grant fund providing aid based on demonstrated financial need	Complete and submit the FACTS financial aid application

## Need-Based Aid: Publicly Funded

Program	Description	How to Apply
Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)	State-funded voucher program available to eligible families based on income, residency, and prior-year attendance	Parents must complete the online application available on the Wisconsin DPI website. Application window open in February, exact dates TBA
Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)	State-funded voucher program available to eligible families based on income, residency, and prior-year attendance	Parents must complete the online application available on the Wisconsin DPI website. Application window open February to April, exact dates TBA

## Tuition Reduction Programs

Program	Description	How to Apply
Fiserv Forum	Parents staff a concession stand at the FiservForum for over 200 events including concerts and sports contests, with wages paid as tuition credit	Contact the STM Fiserv Forum representative via email at <a href="mailto:stm.FiservForum@tmore.org">stm.FiservForum@tmore.org</a>
Scrip	Parents earn tuition credit by purchasing gift cards and using them to shop for everyday basics including groceries, gas, restaurants, and more	Contact Dan Steffes at <a href="mailto:dsteffes@tmore.org">dsteffes@tmore.org</a>
Archdiocesan Employee Tuition Reduction	Parents/guardians who are employed by a parish or school in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee receive a tuition reduction	Complete and submit the FACTS financial aid application, and indicate place of employment
American Family Field	Parents staff a concession stand at the Milwaukee Brewers stadium, with wages paid as tuition credit	Contact the STM Milwaukee Brewers representative via email at <a href="mailto:stm.FiservForum@tmore.org">stm.FiservForum@tmore.org</a>

## Additional Options

Program	Description	How to Apply
Wisconsin K-12 Tuition Tax Deduction	The state of Wisconsin allows parents to deduct up to \$10,000 in private high school tuition on their income taxes	See current tax preparation guidelines and visit <a href="https://www.wcris.org/school-resources/k-12-tuition-tax-deduction/">https://www.wcris.org/school-resources/k-12-tuition-tax-deduction/</a>