



DIOCESE OF SIOUX CITY

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a blessed Christmas season with your family and 2018 is treating you well thus far. We are thankful that your family has invested in Catholic education and are lucky to have great children and parents in our schools. As we kickoff 2018, we wanted to apologize for the level of service you received this past year with our financial aid assessment partner. We realize the timing was late in some cases and put some added pressures on you as a parent.

Therefore, after careful review, we have hired a new financial aid administrator out of Minneapolis, MN named TADS. We are confident about the transition and believe they will provide us the necessary service we need at the Diocese of Sioux City for our administrators, parents and many others.

Attached are some instructions and other valuable information about TADS. Please take some time to review and contact your local school or TADS at 1-800-477-8237 with any questions or feedback you may have.

Thank you for choosing a Catholic education for your children, it's the most important investment a parent can make. May the peace be with you and your family in 2018 and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

2018/2019 TADS Information for Parents

- At Gehlen Catholic School, we are happy to assist you with the application process. A brief video about how to begin the application process can be found at http://www.gehlencatholic.org/admissions/tuition_scholarships/diocese_of_sioux_city_scholarship_program. If you do not have Internet access to complete this application online, please contact Mrs. Lisa Niebuhr, Development Office, at 712-546-4181 x237 or lniebuhr@gehlencatholic.org at the school for assistance.
- The application fee for each family remains at \$23. If this fee is cost prohibitive for your family, please contact Mrs. Niebuhr.
- The **TADS** application needs to be completed no later than **April 1, 2018**. The application is available online at www.mytads.com in both English and Spanish. In addition to your completed application, you must include a copy of current wage and tax information. See the attached "Grant and Aid Assessment" flyer from **TADS** for specific requirements. We urge you to complete the materials early to allow time for notification of any missing materials.
- To assist you in completing the application, you may contact the TADS call center at **1.800.477.8237** Monday-Friday from **8:00 AM-8:00 PM**. The **TADS** online application also has a chat feature to assist parents available Monday-Friday from **8:00 AM-8:00 PM**.
- Award notification letters will be mailed **in Mid-May**. The complete timeline with specific information concerning the application is found below.
February 1: Applications available online at www.mytads.com.
March 15: Gehlen Catholic suggests all applications be completed to ensure all needed information is processed by the April 1, 2018, deadline.
April 1: Applications must be completely processed. Late and/or incomplete applications from current families after April 1, 2018, will be denied.
Mid-May: Award notification letters sent to all families who applied.
- **We strongly encourage every new and current family to complete an application.** The Diocesan Financial Scholarship coupled with our local tuition assistance program will be able to make Catholic Education affordable for all.
- **Current families who do not apply for the Diocesan Financial Scholarship and do not have their application completely processed by April 1 will not be eligible for Gehlen Catholic's Local Tuition Assistance Scholarship.**
- If you have questions, contact Mrs. Lisa Niebuhr, Development Office, at 712-546-4181 x237 or email her at lniebuhr@gehlencatholic.org. Contact the TADS call center at **1.800.477.8237** with specific questions about the application. This is a wonderful opportunity for qualifying families.
- An FAQ document is enclosed from TADS that provides further information about common questions.