

Admissions

We are currently accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year. Ready to apply?
Click below.

[Apply to TFS](#)

Application Process

Thank you for your interest in The Franciscan School. Click the “Apply to TFS” button to create a new application. Be sure to follow and complete each step, as incomplete applications will not be accepted. Supporting documentation to include is listed below.

- A recent photo of applicant – headshot preferred; smartphone photo is accepted
- Copy of state-issued birth certificate
- Copy of baptismal certificate if Catholic and not baptized at St. Francis
- Copy of most recent grades for applicants entering grades one through eight
- Copy of standardized test results if available
- Copy of custodial agreement if applicable
- Copy of adoption documents if applicable

Teacher recommendations are needed as follows. Enter teacher names and email addresses in the “Referral Documents” section of the online application.

- (1) teacher recommendation is mandatory for Kindergarten applicants
- (2) teacher recommendations are mandatory for grades 1-5 applicants
- (2) teacher recommendations are mandatory for grades 6-8 applicants, one of which must be from the applicant’s current math teacher

All supporting documents must either be uploaded to the online application portal or mailed to:

The Franciscan School,
Admissions – Siena Hall,
10000 Saint Francis Dr.,
Raleigh, NC 27613

Please note that The Franciscan School Admissions Committee will not review applications until the Admissions Department receives all of the above components.

Admissions Policy

Entrance Age: Children entering Kindergarten are to be five years of age on or before August 31st for enrollment in the current academic year. Children entering the first grade are to be six years of age on or before the same date.

Application: A \$60.00 non-refundable application fee is due upon submission of the online application.

Order of Admission: Admission will be determined according to the following priority when a waitlist exists for a particular grade.

–	Siblings of currently enrolled students and alumni of TFS
–	Children of full-time St. Francis of Assisi or TFS staff members
–	TFS students that were previously enrolled
–	Registered Catholic parishioners of the Catholic Community of St. Francis, with consideration given to the Stewardship Covenant
–	Registered Catholic parishioners of St. Luke's Parish
–	Registered Catholic parishioners of other parishes
–	Other

A student's admission is conditional upon the satisfactory completion of the year in progress; in addition to the student's needs and abilities, and a review of the requirements listed above.

Notification of Admission: Based upon the satisfactory completion of the application process, review of a student's application and strength of credentials, and space availability, a student will be extended an offer with a letter of admission, tuition agreement, and enrollment packet.

Enrollment: The enrollment and tuition agreement must be completed and returned to The Franciscan School office within (10) business days.

Financial aid is available for families demonstrating need. Click [here](#) for additional information on Financial Aid.

If you have questions on the admissions process, please contact Lura Tysiac, Coordinator of Marketing and Admissions at tfsadmissions@stfrancisraleigh.org or 919.534.4837 extension 469.

Tuition & Fees

All families agree to pay the Full Cost Tuition Rate per child unless notified of eligibility for the Steward Rate as approved by the Pastor.

- **Full Cost:** A non-Catholic family.
- **Catholic Participating Member of a Parish (other than St. Francis) in the Diocese of Raleigh:** A Catholic family registered in another parish who has submitted a signed Pastor Recommendation Form.
- **St. Francis of Assisi Parish Steward Rate:** The Parish Steward Rate is available to registered parishioners who support our community with their time, talent, and tithe. This discount is available after a review by the Pastor of the annual Family Stewardship Form.

The Family Stewardship Form can be accessed and submitted on the parish website at www.stfrancisraleigh.org/stewardship-form.

2019-2020 Tuition		
Steward Rate Kindergarten	Out of Parish Catholic Rate Kindergarten	Full Tuition Rate Kindergarten
One Child \$7,143	One Child \$7,745	One Child \$9,758

*The Kindergarten tuition rate reflects a \$1000 reduction in the standard tuition rate as the initiation tuition into The Franciscan School.

Steward Rate Grades 1-8	Out of Parish Catholic Rate Grades 1-8	Full Tuition Rate Grades 1-8
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Child \$8,143 • Two Children \$15,886 • Three Children \$23,829 • Four Children \$31,772 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Child \$8,745 • Two Children \$17,090 • Three Children \$25,635 • Four Children \$34,180 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Child \$10,758 • Two Children \$21,116 • Three Children \$31,674 • Four Children \$42,232
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- Multi-Child families receive a \$200 per student discount.
- Tuition totals include a \$150 Technology Fee.
- Tuition totals for 2019-20 reflect a 2% increase from 2017-18.

Fees and Payment Options

- Application Fee: \$60 non-refundable
- Registration Fee: \$400 per child

Payment Options

- Annual – payment made directly to TFS on or before July 20th. A 1% discount applies to this option.
- Trimester – FACTS Tuition Management administers the trimester payment option. Payment draft dates are July 20th, November 20th, and February 20th.
- Monthly – FACTS Tuition Management administers the monthly payment option. The first payment is July 20th; final payment is April 20th.

We are committed to serving all those in our parish who seek a Catholic education that's rooted in a Franciscan dedication to helping others. The parish and The Franciscan School provide significant need-based financial aid for families to assure that there are no parish students not afforded a Catholic educational opportunity because of limited financial means. In the 2018-19 academic year, we awarded over \$310,000.00 in financial aid.

If tuition costs, changing family circumstances, or the enrollment of a second or third child strain the monthly budget, parents are encouraged to contact the Coordinator of Marketing and Admissions, Lura Tysiac at lura.tysiac@stfrancisraleigh.org.

In addition to our funds for tuition assistance, we encourage families to access Scholarship & Tuition Assistance available through the Diocese and outside agencies as well, including the:

- **North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship and Disabilities Grant Programs:** The Opportunity Scholarship Program expands school choice in North Carolina through scholarship grants for eligible children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. This program provides funding of up to \$4,200 per year for children who choose to attend a participating nonpublic school. The open application period for the Opportunity

Scholarship is February 1 through March 1. For more information regarding the program, please visit Opportunity Scholarships.

- **The Diocese of Raleigh Office of African Ancestry Ministry & Evangelization (AAMEN) and Native American Catholic Community:** The AAMEN office funds the Catholic Schools of the Diocese. Funding for the awards comes from the Black & Indian Missions. The open application period for the scholarship is January 28 – March 18. For more information on how to apply, contact Mrs. Lauren Green at green@raldioc.org.