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## **Tuition assistance applications available from the Catholic Tuition Organization**

Applications to receive tuition assistance from the Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) are now available for the 2010-2011 school year. Tuition assistance is available for students attending any of the 17 Catholic schools in the Des Moines diocese. Applications are available by contacting a local Catholic school or online at [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com). The deadline for applying is April 2, 2010.

The Catholic Tuition Organization provides tuition assistance to families in need who desire their children to receive a Catholic education. Last year, CTO helped 1,193 students receive a Catholic education by providing a total of \$1,265,929 in tuition assistance.

Families are eligible to receive tuition assistance if their 2009 income, based on their tax return, is less than the specified guidelines. For example, a family of three is eligible if their 2009 income is less than \$54,930 and a family of four is eligible if their income is less than \$66,150. For a complete list of income guidelines, visit [www.ctodsmdiocese.org](http://www.ctodsmdiocese.org).

“The Catholic Tuition Organization wants to help all families send their children to Catholic school. If a family qualifies based on their income, they will receive an award. The greater the family’s need, the greater their award. In 2009, the highest award was 60% of tuition,” said Jeanne Wells, executive director of the CTO.

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Families submitting their application and supporting documents will be notified of their tuition assistance before the end of the current 2009-2010 school year.

For more information about the Catholic Tuition Organization, please visit [www.ctodsmdiocese.org](http://www.ctodsmdiocese.org) or contact Jeanne Wells at [jwells@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jwells@dmdiocese.org).

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