



Rapid City Catholic School System

K-12 Tuition Assistance

Dear RCCSS families:

Thanks to many generous private donors and institutions, the Rapid City Catholic School System (RCCSS) is able to offer financial aid to those families in need. As much as 95% of the tuition can be covered through financial aid.

The financial assistance programs available include RCCSS Tuition Assistance, RCCSS Grants, and South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE).

****Please note, an application through TADS is required for RCCSS Tuition Assistance, Grants, and South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE). Instructions are attached.****

RCCSS Tuition Assistance:

RCCSS offers financial assistance for families that qualify. Students entering grades K-12 are eligible to apply for tuition assistance. RCCSS uses Tuition Aid Data Services (St. Paul, MN) commonly referred to as TADS, to conduct financial need assessments of our families seeking tuition assistance. The application process is confidential and is required for all families requesting financial assistance.

The minimum award is \$42, the cost of the application, so please do not hesitate to apply. You can reach the TADS website by going to <https://www.mytads.com/> or <https://rccss.org/new-families/>

The priority deadline for applications is March 31, 2025. Award notifications will be sent mid-April. Applications are accepted after March 31st until funds are no longer available.

GRANTS:

Thanks to many generous donors, RCCSS is able to offer financial aid grants in addition to the tuition assistance awarded. Applications are accepted starting in the spring of each year for the following school year. The grants are awarded in May and will be applied to the upcoming year's tuition. You are encouraged to apply for the applicable grants. Please go to <https://rccss.org/district-information/business-office/grants/> to complete the "Consolidated Grant Application". You must show financial need through the TADS process to be considered for any of the grants.

South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE):

When completing your TADS application, you will automatically be considered for a SDPE scholarship. There is no need to submit a separate application.

SDPE scholarships are available to students K-12 who meet the following requirements:

- The total household income the year before the student enters the program is no more than one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the federally set amount for the free and reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program.
- The student lives in South Dakota while receiving the scholarship.
- Automatically renews for up to 3 years.

For more information regarding SDPE please go to <https://www.sdpartnersinedu.org/>.

If you have any questions regarding the tuition assistance available or how to apply, please contact the RCCSS Business Office at (605) 719-5447