



BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Developing leaders in mind, body & spirit.

Bergen Catholic offers a few ways to assist in helping families to cover the cost of high school. Many find that with careful planning and financial assistance, the cost is well within reach. In addition, academic scholarships are available to students who qualify. Monthly payment plans and sibling tuition discounts are also available. We encourage you to educate yourself about our programs. Please be assured that support may be available right through graduation.

Financial Aid 2019-2020

- The primary responsibility for financing a student's education rests with the family.
- Both parents are expected to contribute to tuition. If a parent chooses not to work, Bergen Catholic High School may impute an annual income for a non-working parent.
- In the case of divorce or separation, Bergen Catholic High School requires both parents to file an application for financial assistance. Bergen Catholic High School is not bound by any divorce agreement specifying a parent's responsibility for educational expenses.
- Bergen Catholic High School believes a family should invest in their child's education before significant elective expenses. For example, secondary/investment home ownership, club memberships and other expensive commitments.

Class of 2023 Financial Assistance Process for 2019-2020

All financial assistance is distributed on a need basis. All information must be received by the Business Office. Consideration for financial assistance will not begin until all 3 steps of the application process are completed and received by December 7, 2018. Advisement of assistance awards will be mailed in the same time frame as the January acceptance letters for those who have completed the steps and met the December 7th deadline.

Three Steps:

Step 1-

Fill out financial assistance application online at <http://sss.nais.org> between November 1 and December 7, 2018. Please use Bergen Catholic's school code of 1592 when filling out the family section. If you have any questions about the SSS form, please call 800-344-8328. **DO NOT SEND TAX RETURNS OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION TO SSS. PLEASE DISREGARD ALL DEADLINE DATES POSTED ON SSS WEBSITE/FORMS: ADHERE TO THE ABOVE DEADLINES FOR FILING WITH BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.**

Step 1 to be completed on-line.

Step 2-

Send a one-page letter of request for financial assistance to Bergen Catholic Business Office giving a brief description of your financial situation.

Step 3-

Enclose a copy of your complete 2017 Federal (only) tax return, including all W-2's, 1099's and/or supporting schedules. Please **DO NOT** send e-file summaries, worksheets, or State tax returns.

Steps 2-3 to be mailed to Tuition Office - Bergen Catholic High School - 1040 Oradell Avenue, Oradell, NJ 07649:

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the volume of financial assistance requests and the time involved to process these requests, information WILL NOT be accepted after the deadline. Any missing information will be considered incomplete and no financial assistance will be distributed.

If you have any questions about what forms to send Bergen Catholic, please contact Cathy McConville at (201) 634-4132 or cmconville@bergencatholic.org



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Current BC Student Financial Aid Process 2019-2020

Four Steps

Step 1

Read Bergen Catholic High School's Financial Assistance Policy (pg. 16-17 Parent/Student Handbook).

Step 2

Complete the Parent's Financial Statement (PFS) preferably online at <http://sss.nais.org>, or complete form and mail with necessary fee directly to SSS. Bergen Catholic's school code number is 1592 and must be included on the form. **DO NOT SEND TAX RETURNS TO SSS.**

Step 2 to be filed online with SSS-Deadline: February 25, 2019:

Step 3

Send a letter with a brief description of your financial situation.

Step 4

Completed copies of your 2017 FEDERAL (only) tax return (include W2's, 1099's and/or supporting schedules. Enclose copies of student's tax return (and W2's) if one is filed. Do NOT send e-file summaries, worksheets, or State tax returns. Please Note: All information requested must be received by the above deadlines. PLEASE DISREGARD ALL DEADLINE DATES POSTED ON SSS WEBSITE/FORMS; ADHERE TO THESE DEADLINES FOR FILING WITH BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

Steps 3-4 to be sent to the Tuition Office-Deadline: February 25, 2019:

Due to the volume of financial assistance requests and the time involved to process these requests, information will NOT be accepted after the deadlines. After the Financial Assistance Committee reviews all requests, we will make every effort to notify families of their financial assistance award by the week of April 8, 2019.

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