



ST. BERNARD'S

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Financial Aid Application

Please refer to the [Financial Aid and Scholarship Information Packet](#) for further information. Financial Aid Application due dates for all semesters can be found on the [Academic Calendar](#).

Name: Last First Middle Initial

Address: Street City State Zip

Phone: Email:

Diocese: Parish:

Employer: Job Title:

School(s) you are attending: St. Bernard's Other:

Degree or Certificate Program Pursuing:

Number of credits completed: Are you matriculated?

Course Projections for Academic Year 2026-2027:

Please project the total number of courses you anticipate taking in each of the following terms for the coming academic year:

Summer: Fall: Spring:

Which Form of Tuition Assistance and Scholarships are you are applying for: (Check all that apply)

Benefactors' Scholarships through St. Bernard's Diocesan Tuition Assistance

Jordan Parish Assistance Program (Buffalo Students)

Academic Eligibility Requirements: Eligibility for St. Bernard's aid, Diocesan aid, and Scholarships are based in part upon a student's satisfactory academic progress. Satisfactory academic progress at St. Bernard's is a student that maintains a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in any financial aid eligible academic program that is being pursued.

Have you applied for financial aid or student loans from other sources, or are you planning to? If yes, from which source?

Signature:

Student's Signature

Today's Date

Additional Financial Aid Requirements

Applicants for Scholarships are also required to submit these, where applicable:

- a) A completed **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA) form (St. Bernard's School Code: 002815).
- b) **Statement of Need**(if applicable): If you are unsatisfied with your projected financial aid/ scholarship award, you can explain your financial situation through a statement of need. This should be 500-750 words. Your request will be taken into consideration, but will not be guaranteed more funds.
- c) **Albany applicants:** must submit a letter from their parish pastor expressing their support for the candidate and confirming that they are an active member of that parish.
- d) **First-time Syracuse applicants:** Diocese of Syracuse Addendum and Signed Parish Sponsorship form. *Applicants must contact the Office of Pastoral Leadership in the Diocese of Syracuse prior to the submission of the Diocese of Syracuse Addendum and Signed Parish Sponsorship form.*

Please return this application and all other application materials to:

Matt Brown, Director of Admissions & Student Services

120 French Road • Rochester, NY 14618

585-271-3657, ext. 289 • 585-271-2045 (fax) • matthew.brown@stbernards.edu

Financial Aid Application Reviewed:

Signature, Director of Admissions & Student Services

Date



Complete the FAFSA Form for 2026-2027

Follow these steps to apply for or renew your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

1: You can complete the FAFSA online

- St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry awards aid on First-Come, First-Served basis. While students can apply for aid anytime throughout the year, priority is given to the order in which applications are received

2: Gather the required items to complete the FAFSA.

- FSA ID, PINs (if you have previously completed a FAFSA), Social Security Numbers and dates of birth for yourself, spouse, and dependents
- Federal Income Tax forms and W-2s
- Untaxed income
- Current value of checking, savings, and investments accounts

Note: St. Bernard's School Code is 002815

3: Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Click on "Login"
- Click on "Create and FSA ID" or "Enter the Student's Information"
- Follow the on-screen instructions
- Complete the first page of the FAFSA
 - You may be asked if you'd like to "pre-fill" your FAFSA. Select "yes"
- The next screen will pre-fill personal information
- Follow the directions to update the rest of the FAFSA
- **YOU WILL USE YOUR FSA ID FOR FUTURE FAFSA PURPOSES, save your information!**

4: Sign and Submit your FAFSA

- Verify that all the information is correct
- Make sure you complete all steps required at the signature page
- Print a copy for your records
- Select the "Submit" button
- Print the confirmation page for your records

If you need any assistance with your FAFSA, please contact the Director of Admissions & Student Services or click on "Help" at the FAFSA website.



Application Addendum- Diocese of Syracuse

This form is to be completed by all Roman Catholic students seeking financial support from the Diocese of Syracuse. It only needs to be completed by first-time graduate applicants

Date _____

Name _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Permanent Address _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Local Address _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Program of Study:

Master of Divinity
Master of Arts in Theological Studies
Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies
Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophy

Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies
Graduate Certificate in Catechetical Leadership
Graduate Certificate in Catholic Bioethics
Graduate Certificate in Catholic Philosophy

Diocese of Syracuse Parish Affiliation:

Please answer the following questions: What type of ministry/leadership are you working toward? What are your ministerial goals? How do you wish to serve God through Church/Religious Activities? *(please specify):*

Diocese of Syracuse Review: As a condition of financial assistance, Roman Catholic students in the Diocese of Syracuse are assessed via personal meeting with the Director of the Office of Pastoral Leadership (or his/her designate) on the following criteria:

1. The impact of personal and academic experiences on your decision to apply to St. Bernard's;
2. Your perception of the role of the church in today's society and your participation in it;
3. How your decision to attend St. Bernard's will influence your career and ministerial goals in the Diocese of Syracuse

I, _____, as an applicant to St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry seeking financial assistance from the Diocese of Syracuse understand my responsibility in meeting with and responding to inquiries from the Director of the Office of Pastoral Leadership (or his/her designate) throughout my academic career.

Signature _____ Date _____

Director, Office of Pastoral Leadership Review

Signature _____ Date _____

Two copies of this form are to be kept on file.

(1) St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry Registrar's Office

(2) Office of Pastoral Leadership, Diocese of Syracuse



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Diocese of Syracuse Tuition Assistance Sponsor Form:

This section must be signed by the pastor, pastoral administrator, or diocesan leader indicating that the applicant is active in the Parish and /or a Diocesan Ministry.

Sponsor's Name _____

Leadership Position _____ Location _____

I recommend _____ for graduate studies at St. Bernard's.

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____