



Dear Mercy Parents,

Mercy High School is committed to providing a quality, faith-based education to every student who wishes to attend our school. That is why we created our Negotiated Tuition Program. This tuition assistance effort is an individualized covenant between families and Mercy High School as we respect the unique needs, circumstances and incomes of each family.

As a result of parental input, we are processing family financial information online for convenience and accuracy. The school has implemented the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, which is recognized as the most secure and most utilized assessment throughout secondary schools.

The information we gather through FACTS is a helpful tool to guide discussion. As President, I will have a personal conversation with each family before tuition is set, and the completed FACTS Assessment is required for this negotiated tuition agreement.

To help you complete the assessment, we have attached an outline of the information you need in order to be considered for Negotiated Tuition. Below are tips for processing that form:

- Read all the instructions prior to completing the application.
- Keep your login and password information securely saved.
- Under the *School* section, please indicate that Mercy High School is to receive the report.
- **The FACTS Grand & Aid Assessment opened on November 4, 2019 and all freshman applications are due February 14, 2020. Current students' applications are due March 1, 2020.**

You only have to complete the assessment once if you are using it for other schools. The information will also be shared with the Omaha Archdiocese Educational Foundation (OAEF).

Freshmen families and new families will still meet with me privately to develop individualized tuition agreements. I greatly enjoy these conversations and the time spent getting to know each other and your family's needs. Returning families can request their tuition agreements mailed to them after I have reviewed this year's information. Returning families can also request an individual meeting with me.

Mercy takes great pride in providing the most tuition assistance per student than any other Omaha-area high school. We are committed to providing a Mercy education to any student who wishes to attend. We want your daughter to shine and reach her full potential at Mercy!

Blessings to all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Delores".

Sr. Delores Hannon  
President - Mercy High School

## Information for FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment

The application opens on **November 4, 2019** for 2020-2021 school year.

### Helpful hints:

- Use your 2018 tax information.
- You can update your FACTS account by using your username and password from the previous year.
- Use Chrome, Firefox or Internet Explorer as your internet browser; Safari does not work well with FACTS.

### Information to have available:

#### **Monthly Expenses**

- ✓ Primary Residence
  - Rent or mortgage payment including principal, interest, taxes and home insurance
- ✓ Second Home
  - Rent or mortgage payment including principal, interest, taxes and home insurance
- ✓ Vehicle(s)
  - All vehicles including monthly payment and/or vehicles that are paid in full
- ✓ Credit Cards and Other Loans
  - Monthly loans
  - Monthly alimony
  - Monthly child support
  - Monthly health insurance premium

#### **Annual Expenses**

- ✓ Vehicle(s) Insurance
- ✓ Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses
- ✓ Charitable Contributions
- ✓ College Expenses
- ✓ Child/Day Care
- ✓ Elder Care

#### **Assets and Liabilities**

- ✓ Value of cash, savings and/or checking account
- ✓ Value of stocks and bonds
- ✓ Value of 529 plan - Annual contributions of 529 plan
- ✓ Retirement plan - Annual contribution to retirement plan
- ✓ Value of your home
- ✓ Amount owed on your home
- ✓ Value of second home
- ✓ Amount owed on second home

If you have additional questions about this assessment, contact FACTS at **866-441-4637**. We also have links to their website at <https://www.mercyhigh.org/admissions/financial-assistance.cfm>