Directions for Completing the STAR & Bishop Tuition Assistance Program

The STAR & Bishops Tuition Assistance Program application for the 2024-2025 school year is now posted and LIVE! You may visit the <u>diocesan website</u> (https://www.eriercd.org/schools/tuition.html) for detailed information and answers to frequently asked questions (a picture of our students was chosen to head the page!).

The newly designed and simplified application is available at

www.doetap.org

As with previous applications, one application will be used for both the Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program and the STAR Foundation. There are still two distinct application deadlines that you'll see on the page: March 1 (this deadline was for Erie Catholic School System schools ONLY) and <u>April 15</u> (this is our deadline). Read the information carefully!

A major change for this year, besides submitting the application and supporting documents online, is that federal income tax returns, schedules, 1099s, and W-2s must be uploaded – not Pennsylvania returns. An account can be entered multiple times and edited – UP UNTIL THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED. Once submitted, the application can be viewed, but no changes can be made. It is vitally important that all 2023 tax documentation is uploaded prior to submitting! Call Sam Signorino, STAR Foundation Manager with questions at (814) 824-1188.

Both the STAR & Bishops Tuition Assistance Program (online) **AND** the Tuition Assistance Application (paper form) are due **Monday, April 15, 2024.**