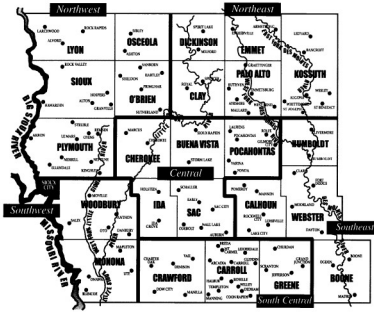


# MONSIGNOR LAFFERTY TUITION FOUNDATION



The Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation (MLTF) is the Student Tuition Organization (STO) created by the Diocese of Sioux City in 2006 as part of the Educational Opportunities Act passed by the Iowa Legislature. Sixteen Catholic school systems are located in the 24-county diocese providing a faith-based education to more than 6000 students each year. MLTF awards tuition grants to eligible families while providing donors with an Iowa income tax credit certificate worth 65% of their gift.

# \$2,894,606

**Total amount raised in 2017 to issue MLTF's maximum tax credit allotment.**

MLTF fundraising goal met November 16, 2017.

**In 2017, MLTF awarded \$2,800,682 in tuition grants.**

These funds were awarded to families for 2017-18

School	No. of	Dollars	School	No. of	Dollars
Algona	197	\$248,395	LeMars	193	\$244,986
Boone	67	\$73,943	Pocahontas	32	\$32,417
Carroll	391	\$505,752	Remsen	76	\$104,888
Danbury	20	\$29,748	Sheldon	51	\$53,025
Denison	74	\$93,191	Sioux City	490	\$629,126
Emmetsburg	46	\$48,275	Spencer	52	\$142,858
Fort Dodge	204	\$267,717	Storm Lake	157	\$215,141
Granville	14	\$30,584			
Humboldt	45	\$80,636			
			<b>Total Distributed</b>		
			<b>\$2,800,682</b>		

**Number of applications for assistance from MLTF**

**3,969**

**Number of applicants receiving MLTF funds**

**2,109**

**Average dollars awarded per MLTF recipient**

**\$1,328**

**Total Demonstrated Need throughout the diocese**

**\$6,462,565**

## 2017-18 Enrollment within the Diocese of Sioux City

<b>Bishop Garrigan Schools</b> <i>Algona, IA</i>	<b>531</b>
<b>Sacred Heart Catholic School</b> <i>Boone, IA</i>	<b>175</b>
<b>Kuemper Catholic Schools</b> <i>Carroll, IA</i>	<b>1140</b>
<b>Danbury Catholic School</b> <i>Danbury, IA</i>	<b>63</b>
<b>St. Rose of Lima School</b> <i>Denison, IA</i>	<b>117</b>
<b>Emmetsburg Catholic School</b> <i>Emmetsburg, IA</i>	<b>123</b>
<b>St. Edmond Catholic Schools</b> <i>Fort Dodge, IA</i>	<b>665</b>
<b>Spalding Catholic Schools</b> <i>Granville &amp; Alton, IA</i>	<b>54</b>
<b>St. Mary School</b> <i>Humboldt, IA</i>	<b>209</b>
<b>Gehlen Catholic Schools</b> <i>Le Mars, IA</i>	<b>523</b>
<b>Pocahontas Catholic School</b> <i>Pocahontas, IA</i>	<b>85</b>
<b>St. Mary Schools</b> <i>Remsen, IA</i>	<b>225</b>
<b>St. Patrick School</b> <i>Sheldon, IA</i>	<b>89</b>
<b>Bishop Heelan Schools</b> <i>Sioux City, IA</i>	<b>1569</b>
<b>Sacred Heart Catholic School</b> <i>Spencer, IA</i>	<b>197</b>
<b>St. Mary Catholic Schools</b> <i>Storm Lake, IA</i>	<b>311</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,076</b>

## School Choice Research Shows...

<https://www.edchoice.org/blog/school-choice-research-not-rorschach-test/>

1. Given enough time, school choice programs create small, positive test score gains for participating students. Of the 18 random assignment studies conducted, 12 have found positive outcomes for either the full sample or at least one sub-sample of students studied. Three found no visible effect for any group of students, and three found negative outcomes for all or some students.
2. School choice programs appear to increase graduation rates for participating students. Three studies have examined these effects so far and found positive effects on educational attainment for at least one subgroup of students. No studies have found negative.
3. There is virtually no evidence that school choice harms neighboring public schools. In fact, students tend to experience small gains on test scores there. And school choice programs achieve these benefits with fewer public resources. Of the 33 studies that examine the competitive effects of school choice programs, 31 found positive effects, one saw no visible effect and one found negative effects. Moreover, 40 fiscal analyses have been conducted on school choice programs. All but three found these programs generated net fiscal savings overall for taxpayers, and three found the programs were revenue neutral for taxpayers.
4. Similarly, we see no evidence that students who participate in school choice programs are alienated from their communities or show less public-spiritedness than their public school-educated peers. In fact, research too appears to show the contrary. Of the 12 studies looking at civic values and practices outcomes, eight found positive effects. Four found no visible effect, and none found negative effects.

Number of MLTF  
donors in 2017:

**623**

**Largest Gift:**

**\$121,989**

**Smallest Gift:**

**\$20**

**How much did donors give in 2017?**

\$20,001+	34	\$1,001—\$5,000	262
\$10,001—\$20,000	15	\$501—\$1,000	171
\$5,001—\$10,000	68	\$500 and below	73

**Contributions for 2018 now accepted!**

For more information or to give online:

**[www.scdiocese.org/mltf](http://www.scdiocese.org/mltf)**