

## Family Fundraising Obligation FAQs

**What is my Family Fundraising Obligation (FFO)?** For a family with one child enrolled in our school the annual expectation is \$500, for a family with two or more children it is \$600.

**Why do we have a FFO?** Tuition does not cover the full cost to educate a child at St. Jude the Apostle School. The FFO is a means of keeping tuition costs at a minimum by raising money through fundraising initiatives.

**In what ways can I fulfill my FFO?** Your FFO can be fulfilled through participation in school fundraisers, unrestricted cash donations to the school or through an Employee Matching Gift Program or Volunteer Grant.

**How can I satisfy my FFO through Fundraisers?** Information about the school's fundraisers are on the school's website. Each fundraiser and fundraising activities within each fundraiser can earn varying %s towards your FFO. Please see the FFO Reporting Form on the SJS website for specifics.

**What if I want to satisfy my FFO through a Cash Donation?** Cash donations to the school receive 100% credit towards your FFO.

**My employer offers a matching gift program or a volunteer grant. Would my participation in these programs qualify toward my FFO?** Yes. Matching gift programs are where your cash donation to an eligible nonprofit organization is matched by your employer. Volunteer grants are where your volunteer hours at an eligible nonprofit may allow for a cash donation to that organization. Many employers including Amgen, Bank of America, Medtronic, etc. offer such programs and SJS parents are taking advantage of them to fulfill their FFO. Please check with your employer.

**I own my own company and am looking for a way to fulfill my FFO. Any suggestions?** There are several ways families can fulfill their FFO and benefit their business. Consider a cash donation / sponsorship to the Golf Tournament, Jaguar Jog-A-Thon or Annual Benefit Auction. These sponsorships come with advertisements at the event or in the Family Directory.

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**I am interested in hosting a party book or table at the Christmas Tea. I read that 50% of my expenses can count towards my FFO. Is there a limit to how much I can spend on my party / table?** Administration would like for all hosts to consider how much profit the party / table will provide to our school when setting their budget. The school should realize significantly more profit than what is credited for FFO to both hosts and all guests.

**How should I submit my FFO documentation?** The FFO Reporting Form is on the SJS website in the *Parent Information* Section; under *Parent / School Forms*. Click on *the FFO Form* and print out and manually complete. Attach all supporting documentation (i.e., copies of checks, invoices, reports, etc.) and submit to the school office. Documentation should be submitted immediately following a fundraising event.

**What do I do if I cannot fulfill my FFO through fundraising initiatives?**  
Simply write a check for the balance.

*All questions should be directed toward Tracy Ragusa - PTG President or Denise Vona - PTG Vice President.*