

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of you for the many generous gifts we received this Christmas. The candy, cards, candles, gift cards and so much more are greatly appreciated. Most importantly, thank you for the best gifts you share with us every day ~
YOUR CHILDREN!

You have given us the gift of helping your children to become all that they can be ~ loving, respectful, caring and kind individuals. What greater gift is there? Your children share with us tremendous love, humor and excitement for learning. We are blessed and we thank you.

May the New Year be one of tremendous blessings for all those you love.

With love and gratitude,
Sister Kelly and all at OLG



Dear Parents,

International Day at OLG is an annual event that brings students and parents together for a morning of multi-cultural learning. Students have an exciting opportunity to hear from parents about countries around the world, and parent volunteers enjoy the rare privilege of interacting with the children in our OLG community in a very special setting: their Montessori classroom. Year after year, this memorable event is a favorite of both children and adults alike!

We rotate through the continents each year, and this year we are looking for parent volunteers to represent countries from **North America and South America**. Often, parents select countries with which they have a special connection (heritage, travels, etc.) but this is not a requirement! You need only to be interested and willing to learn and create a presentation about a country...and engage our children in learning about what makes it an interesting place.

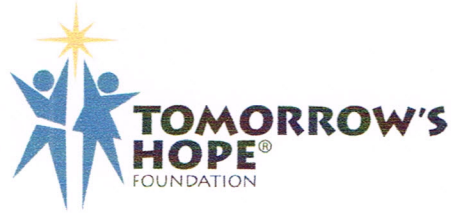
Come on out for this special volunteer opportunity – help us take the children on a virtual visit to the Americas! International Day will take place on February 2, 2018 from 9:15-11:15am. **All interested parents are invited to attend an information meeting at the Castle...choose from two times: or Wednesday January 10 at 9:00am (after morning dropoff) or Thursday January 11 at 7:30pm.** If you cannot attend the information session but would still like to participate, we are happy to have you on board – please contact Amy or Lauren for more information.

Please visit the link below and fill out the form to indicate your interest in International Day no later than Friday, January 12. Please contact Amy DiMeola (amy.nuzzolese@gmail.com) or Lauren Ellis (lauren@drilaurenellis.com) with any questions about volunteering.

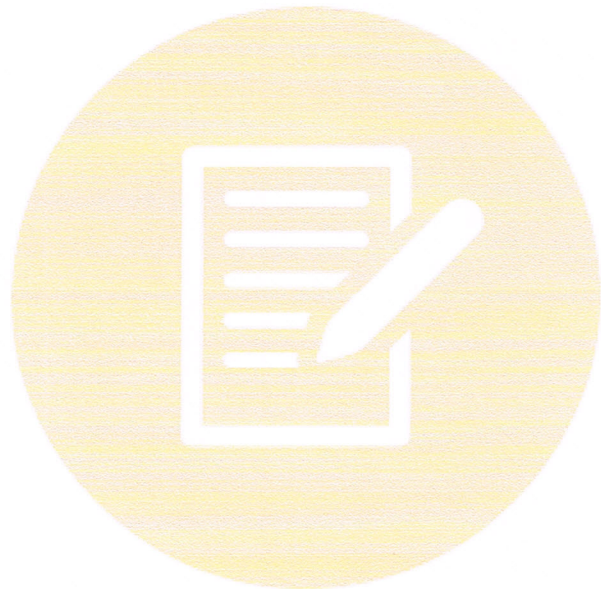
Sincerely,

Lauren Ellis (AM North) & Amy DiMeola (PM East & AM Full Fours)





Tomorrow's Hope Foundation 2018-2019
application will be open Monday, January 22nd



Tomorrow's Hope Foundation

516-745-7611

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Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: 2018-2019 Scholarship Process

FACTS Application Questions

Background Questions

Q: What is Tomorrow's Hope Foundation?

A: Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization within the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

Q: Who can apply?

A: Any student from grades K-8 who is attending Catholic elementary school on Long Island in need of tuition assistance.

- ✓ Awards are based on current economic circumstance and financial need

Q: When can I apply? Is there a deadline?

A: The application process is open from late January/beginning of February throughout the summer. ***As funding is limited, awards are granted to those applicants in need at a first come, first serve basis.***

Q: Can I still apply if my children are not registered at a school?

A: Yes, it is not a requirement that a child be registered or enrolled, to apply for aid from Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.

Q: How often must I apply?

A: Families should complete one application per household each year they need aid.



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The Application

Q: How can I get the application?

A: Visit online.factsmgt.com/aid to create a FACTS login and complete your application electronically or on our website, www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org/how-to-apply

- ✓ Please note that you can no longer make a copy or print an application as in years past. Each application will have a unique ID # specific to the applicant.

Q: What if I don't have access to a computer or the internet?

A: If you do not have access to the internet or computer, please visit your local library, school, or contact Tomorrow's Hope at 516-745-7611 or info@thfny.com to schedule an appointment for assistance.

- ✓ Paper applications are available in limited supply upon request; however, we strongly encourage you to complete the application electronically.

Q: Why is it better to apply electronically?

A: The application fee is reduced; the processing is faster; there is *live chat* available; your username and basic information will be saved for all future applications; it streamlines the process for THF staff.

Q: Is there an application fee? If so, how do I pay?

A: Yes, there is a small processing fee. Mailed-in paper applications are \$30; online applications are \$27.

- ✓ Mailed in paper applications can be paid by check or money order made out to FACTS Management.
- ✓ Online applications can be paid by credit card or checking account only; you may NOT MAIL in a check or money order if you submit your application electronically.

Q: Do I need additional documents or information to complete the application?

A: FACTS requires copies of certain tax documents (W2, tax-return, etc.) when available. The necessary forms are listed on the application.



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- ✓ These documents (when available) are necessary to ensure the integrity of the application process. **If you do not file taxes or receive an W-2, please contact THF in order to complete your application*

Awards

Q: When will I be notified of a decision?

A: Notification of a decision is dependent on the time an application is submitted; processing will take between three and four weeks. The first round of applicants will be notified in June.

- ✓ A decision letter will be mailed to the address provided on your application. Once the letter is signed and returned, your school will be notified of the award amount.

Q: If I receive an award, do I get the money?

A: Tomorrow's Hope will transfer the award money directly to the school. Your school will deduct the award amount from your tuition.

- ✓ If your child transfers to a different Catholic elementary school within the Diocese of Rockville Centre they will still be eligible for the award they were granted—THF awards are connected to the student, not the school.

Appeals

Q: What if I receive an award, but I am still in financial need?

A: Families that are experiences extenuating circumstances, i.e. job loss, major illness, etc., can appeal their original award.

Q: How do I appeal?

A: Families can contact THF to get the one page appeal application. The appeals process begins in July.

- ✓ There is no fee to appeal
- ✓ Should you choose to appeal the Foundation asks that you provide a brief letter explaining your current circumstance and need for additional funding.
- ✓ THF also requests that appeal applicants provide any additional relevant documentation to further verify your current financial need—for example: a termination letter or proof of job loss; medical bills; etc.
- ✓ A letter will be mailed to the address provided on your application. Once the letter is signed and returned your school will be notified of the additional award monies.