

Solutions for Financing a Bishop McNamara Education

These options can be done through almost any bank.

Education Loans

There are also loans available to assist with tuition expenses associated with private high schools like Bishop McNamara. These loan programs are designed to help satisfy the educational goals and financial needs of both students and their families. These loans may be applied for individually or with a cosigner. The amounts borrowed can vary based upon your needs.

The Educated Borrower® Program is one example of a loan program designed to provide financial options for high school education. The Educated Borrower® Program is a convenient method in making it financially possible to send your child to the private school of your choice. See the following page for more information on the Educated Borrower® Program.

The following information summarizes the Educated Borrower® Program:

- ✓ Loan rates and fees based on borrower's credit score
- ✓ Speedy application process and quick decisions
- ✓ Deferred payment options are available
- ✓ Can borrow up to \$20,000 per year, per child
- ✓ Customized consolidation and repayment options up to 20 years

For more information visit:

<http://www.homestarbanc.com/Loans.htm#Student%20Loans>

Home Equity Line of Credit

Another option for assistance with tuition expenses is a Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC). A HELOC is a credit line secured by the equity in your home that works like a credit card. This account can be charged up or paid down during the entire term of the loan. The primary advantage to having a HELOC is that the monies can be used for any purpose, including tuition expenses.

Here are some additional characteristics of the typical Home Equity Line of Credit:

- ✓ Secured by the equity in your home
- ✓ There is a maximum credit line
- ✓ You only pay back what you use
- ✓ Monthly payments are minimal – payments can be as low as the interest owed for that month
- ✓ Interest may be tax deductible (see your tax advisor)
- ✓ Annual fees for the account are minimal
- ✓ Interest rate is base from Prime – subject to change quarterly

A Home Equity Line of Credit is a great tool in helping you provide the secondary or collegiate education you desire for your child. Home Equity Lines of Credit are typically available at local banks.

Credit Card Payments

Another way of paying for high school tuition is by way of credit card. Paying for tuition with a credit card can be easy and convenient at Bishop McNamara.

Although utilizing a credit card for tuition payment can be convenient, paying with a credit card may not have as many long-term financial benefits as the other options noted earlier. We recommend that you be cautious and carefully research and consider the interest rate, annual fee, credit limit, transaction fees and repayment periods when using a credit card for large purchases or payments.