



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE Q & A

- 1) **Q:** As a prospective family at The Christ School, when should I apply for financial assistance?
A: The Christ School's admission process is "need blind." We require families to submit their child's application, for the child to be assessed and the family to accept an offer of enrollment before submitting a financial assistance application.

- 2) **Q:** Where do I access the application?
A: The Grant & Aid application is accessed via your FACTS account. See link in upper right corner of of your FACTS "home" page.

- 3) **Q:** As a returning family, what is the deadline to submit a financial assistance request?
A: We ask that all requests from existing TCS families be received before February 15.

- 4) **Q:** If I am divorced, is my former spouse required to complete an application?
A: If your former spouse has custody and/or is involved in any aspect of your child's life then yes, we need their financial information to consider an award.

- 5) **Q:** What tax documents do I need?
A: You will need all the prior year's W2s and the latest completed tax returns. If you do not have the prior year's return complete, submit the previous year's return.

- 6) **Q:** Do I send my tax return information to TCS?
A: No, all tax documents must be sent to FACTS Grant & Aid. They can be mailed or uploaded via web.

- 7) **Q:** When will we know the award amount?
A: The Financial Assistance Committee strives to complete the evaluations of all applications by the end of March and award offers are made at that time. All applicants receive a response regardless of whether or not an award is granted. Upon notification of an award amount, families must respond with an acceptance or refusal by the deadline stated in the offer letter.

- 8) **Q:** Does the school offer financial assistance based on income & household size?
A: The FACTS Grant & Aid process evaluates all aspects of a family's finances and lifestyle. This includes expenses, income, business owned investments, assets and liabilities.
- 9) **Q:** What is the criteria to qualify for financial assistance?
A: FACTS will provide a recommended award amount based on their formulaic process. The Christ School Financial Assistance Committee will review this information and make an offer based on our total budget allocation for financial assistance.
- 10) **Q:** Is financial assistance ever offered for 100% of tuition?
A: No. TCS policy requires that each family have some level of tuition responsibility.

For additional assistance, please contact [Bill Herlong](#), Director of Business Operations.