



# Berean Christian Academy

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**This document contains frequently asked questions and their associated answers related to Berean Christian Academy's Tuition Assistance.**

- **Why is BCA offering Financial Aid?**

*This is something that many families have requested over the last several years, and we are now in a position from an organization and compliance standpoint to be able to offer this for this year.*

- **Why are you using FACTS?**

*FACTS offers several benefits in this process. First, FACTS has a team of highly trained Financial Aid specialists that can review many submissions over a short time frame. Second, they are an impartial 3<sup>rd</sup> party that can analyze and recommend appropriate levels of aid without any conflict of interest. Finally, Financial Aid awards will feed directly into the Tuition Payment portal, which will save a tremendous amount of administrative overhead.*

- **Why do you need so much personal information?**

*The documents and information that FACTS collects are necessary for the evaluation process and is the same information shared during a college financial aid process, for instance.*

- **I don't want the Board to have all this information about me.**

*The Board doesn't want this information either! This is one of the biggest benefits to FACTS. They process personal financial information and provide a recommended level of Financial Aid.*

- **When will I know if I qualify for Financial Aid and how much I will get?**

*The Financial Aid process will begin in November and be completed in early April. This will give current and new families a chance to apply for aid, FACTS to analyze/recommend based on need, and the Board to award Financial Aid. New families must complete the admissions process and be accepted before Financial Aid is awarded.*

- **What if the amount of offered Financial Aid in the award is not enough?**

*While we would like to award every deserving family with the maximum tuition reduction, as a small, private, Christian school, we must work within our limited resources. Each family will have the opportunity to evaluate their respective offers and make the best financial decision for their family.*

- **Where does this money come from, and how much is available?**

*Financial Aid is primarily funded through donations, directed giving, or other supplemental income. This number will vary from year to year and so we cannot share an exact figure.*

- **Did you raise our tuition next year so that you could fund Financial Aid?**

*No, the tuition increases are to maintain the long-term viability of BCA and provide the best possible education for each student.*

- **I have more questions – who can I talk to?**

*For questions regarding the process within FACTS, please contact FACTS Customer Care at 866-441-4637 during business hours. For BCA Grant & Aid questions, you can email [finaid@bereanchristianacademy.org](mailto:finaid@bereanchristianacademy.org). Or for BCA-specific questions, please feel free to contact the BCA Board via email at [board@bereanchristianacademy.org](mailto:board@bereanchristianacademy.org) and we will respond as soon as possible.*