



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 3rd 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.

- **Why aren't families of staff eligible for Financial Aid?**

The Board feels that this would be a conflict of interest and is not something that we feel comfortable with at this time.

- **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. Or for BCA-specific questions, please feel free to contact the BCA Board via email at board@bereanchristianacademy.org and we will respond as soon as possible.