



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?

As our school has grown in strength and stability, we are now able to extend financial aid to families. This allows us to further our mission of partnering with parents in providing a classical, Christ-centered education and to make this opportunity accessible to more families who share our values.

Why are you using FACTS?

Berean Christian Academy partners with **FACTS** to manage the financial aid process. FACTS provides expert review of applications, ensures impartial and confidential evaluations, and integrates awards directly into our tuition management system for a seamless experience.

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. All financial aid information will be treated as highly confidential and the board is not aware of which families apply for financial aid.

When will I know if I qualify for Financial Aid and how much I will receive?

The Financial Aid process will begin in mid November and be completed in early April. This will give current and new families a chance to apply for aid, FACTS to analyze and recommend awards based on need, and the Board then 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.

Does Berean ever give tuition assistance awards that cover 100% of the cost of tuition?

Families applying for financial aid should be guided by the principle that the primary responsibility of financing a child's education rests with them, not with the school. Tuition assistance awards are not intended to cover 100% of the cost of tuition. Families who choose an independent school place a high value on their child's education, and this value is generally reflected in lifestyle choices and sacrifices that permit the use of some of their discretionary resources for the cost of education. For this reason, BCA does not grant tuition assistance awards beyond 50% of the cost of a family's total tuition bill.

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.

If I am divorced or separated, do both parents need to apply for tuition assistance?

Yes, both parents will need to submit completed forms and tax information. All financial information is kept strictly confidential, and at no time will one party have access to the other's information.

How do I fill out an application?

For questions regarding the process within FACTS, please contact FACTS Customer Care at 866-441-4637 during business hours. You can also use the built-in online help tools within the application or chat live with a support agent using the online chat feature.

[Applicant Guide How-To Video.](#)

I have more questions – who can I talk to?

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.