



Tri-City Christian School Board recognizes that the cost of a private school education may create a significant financial burden for many families. The board is committed to making a Tri-City Christian education accessible to as many families as possible and desires that no mission-appropriate student be denied access to the school solely for financial reasons. As a result, we offer a tuition assistance program.

The tuition assistance program at Tri-City Christian School is need-based. This program allows families to apply for assistance, making a Tri-City education affordable to many qualified students who could not otherwise join our school community. As a result, our students represent a broad range of socio-economic backgrounds, enhancing the learning experience for every Tri-City Christian student.

The funds available for the tuition assistance program are limited. We work within our available resources to make the school accessible to as many students as possible. Tuition assistance awards are limited to a maximum of 35% of the annual tuition.

Please note that all tuition assistance requests, including financial information and award amounts, are kept completely confidential. Families are expected to keep the amount of their award confidential.

How Tuition Assistance Works

Any family of a kindergarten through twelfth grade student may apply if they think they may qualify for the program. Many factors are considered when determining the tuition amount a family is able to pay, including income, assets, unusual expenses, and the size of the family. The resources available for the program in a given year must also be considered.

An application for tuition assistance does not affect the admission process. They are distinct and separate applications and processed as such. Families may apply for tuition assistance at any time during the admissions process or after enrollment.

How to Apply for Tuition Assistance

Tri-City Christian school has contracted with FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition), a third party financial services company, to ensure all tuition assistance applicants are evaluated fairly and confidentially. FAST evaluates the application based on criteria set by the school and sends their recommendation to the school's business office. This is a recommendation of what a particular family should reasonably contribute toward tuition.

How to Complete FAST Tuition Assistance Application:

1. Visit the FAST website to establish an account and begin the application. You may log in and out of the application should you need to complete it in multiple sessions. FAST customer assistance is available, through the process 24/7, 365 days/year, by phone at 877-326-FAST (2378) and online with live chat or email. If you have questions about the application process, please contact FAST directly.
2. To Start an application go to www.tccs.org click on Admissions and then Tuition & Financial Aid. Click on the FAST logo.



3. Submit completed application along with available documents and pay \$45 application fee to FAST. FAST will review the application and report back to the school business office within 2-3 business days.
4. All final decisions regarding tuition assistance are made by Tri-City Christian School.

Timeline

Tuition assistance requests are evaluated beginning in December and continue until the funds are depleted.

- Tuition assistance awards are made based upon demonstrated need and a first come first serve basis with total funds being allocated up to the amount established annually by the Tri-City Christian School Board.
- Awards are made to existing families at the end of January, for those that apply by the January 11 priority deadline.
- Awards to prospective families are made beginning in March concurrent with admissions acceptance.

Renewals

Tuition assistance is awarded annually and for one year at a time. Thus, all aid recipients must repeat the full application process each year. If a family does not meet the deadlines or follow all the steps correctly, they may not receive any tuition assistance. Returning families receiving tuition assistance will receive a reminder from the school to reapply in December.

Tuition Assistance Policies

Separated or Divorced Families: Tri-City Christian School expects every family to make a financial investment in their child's education. Our commitment to providing tuition assistance means that we are sharing in that investment with you and this principle applies to all parents, including those who are separated or divorced. TCCS is not bound by, and will not honor, any decrees, agreement or legal document excusing a parent from financial responsibility for a child's education.

- Both parents are expected to file all the necessary forms and to comply fully with all the guidelines and requirements of the aid process.
- The custodial and non-custodial parent must each fill out the FAST application.
- Re-marriage of either natural parent creates a new family unit with new relationships, but since the parents still have a parental obligation, the income and assets of the entire family unit (including new family units and step-parents) are viewed as relevant for the purposes of calculating a family's level of need.
- Tri-City Christian School considers the obligations of the parents to their new family situation in determining the award, but will not allocate the award on a proportional basis among the families.
- The responsibility for communication and payment lies with the custodial parent.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Should every new or returning TCCS family submit an application for tuition assistance?

No. Only families who feel that they are not able to pay full tuition should submit an application.

Do I need to apply for tuition assistance every year?

Yes. A new application must be submitted every year.

If I do not qualify for the program this year, can I apply again next year?

Yes. A family that does not qualify is welcome to reapply the following year.

Do returning students receive priority over new students when applying for tuition assistance?

Yes. Returning TCCS students who submit an application by the published deadline will receive priority consideration.

Do I need to apply for admission separately from applying for tuition assistance?

Yes. The admission and tuition assistance processes are distinct and separate.

Will applying for tuition assistance hurt my student's chance of being admitted to the school?

No. Admission applications and tuition assistance applications are evaluated separately, and an application for tuition assistance has no bearing on the admission process.

What kind of economic situation is typical of a family who qualifies for tuition assistance?

A wide range of families with a variety of circumstances qualify for the program, from those who are able to pay close to full tuition to those who are able to contribute minimally. Many factors are evaluated, including income, assets, unusual expenses, and the size of the family.

Are some families awarded full tuition?

No. Every family is required to make a financial investment in their child's education. Our commitment to providing tuition assistance means that we are sharing in that investment with you. No family will receive more than a 35% award on tuition.

Are all admitted students offered tuition assistance if the family qualifies?

No. Tuition assistance awards are made on a first come first serve basis with total funds limited to the allocated amount established annually by the Tri-City Christian School Board.

Who should I contact with questions about tuition assistance?

You may contact our Business Office at tccscommunication@tccs.org or 760-630-8227.

Tri-City Christian School admits students of any race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities that the school provides students. In addition, TCCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, tuition assistance program, extra-curricular activities, athletics and other school programs.



Tuition and Payment Options

	Total Annual Tuition	Tuition Deposit	Annual Payment (\$200 Discount)	Monthly Payments (11 months)
Elementary Kindergarten Grades 1- 6	\$9,888 \$10,188	\$824 \$849	\$8,864 \$9,139	\$824 \$849
Junior High Grades 7-8	\$12,156	\$1,013	\$10,993	\$1,013
High School Grades 9-10	\$13,128	\$1,094	\$11,834	\$1,094

Sibling discounts are available for families that have multiple children attending Tri-City Christian School. Please see our detailed 2019-2020 Tuition and Fee Schedule for the multi-child rates.

2019/20 Tuition Deposit

A non-refundable Tuition Deposit, equal to 1/12th of the annual tuition, is due per student at the time of enrollment or by February 1 for returning students. This deposit will be applied to the annual tuition.

Kindergarten - \$824
Elementary (1-6) - \$849
Junior High - \$1,013
High School - \$1,094

Tuition Payment Options

Tuition payments may be made annually or monthly.

- Annual Payments: Due July 1. \$200 discount per student applies.
- Monthly Payments: Begin July 1. 11 Monthly Payments from July 1 through June 1 with no regular monthly tuition payment in February.
- 2019/20 Tuition Deposit: Due February 1. February is set aside for all returning families to pay their tuition deposit for the upcoming school year.

Included in Tuition

Textbooks, annual yearbook, and student admission to regular season athletic home games.

Additional Fees and Expenses:

Additional costs vary by student choice. Itemized below are common fees and expenses. For a complete list of fees and expenses, please see our 2019-20 Tuition and Fee Schedule.

- Uniforms: \$250-500 (Purchase directly from Lands' End)
- Field Trips: \$10 and up (varies by grade and destination)



K-6 Extended Care

Extended care is available in the morning from 7:00 - 7:30 AM and after school from 3:00 - 6:00 PM for an additional fee. Please see our 2019-2020 Tuition and Fee Schedule for full details and payment options.

Withdrawal Policy

The overhead costs of Tri-City Christian School do not decrease upon withdrawal of students during the school year. As a result, the withdrawal policy of Tri-City Christian School below applies to all students:

Written Notification of Withdrawal*	Amount Due
On or before February 1	No Financial Obligation for the upcoming school year
On or before June 1	2019-20 Non-Refundable Tuition Deposit (paid 2/1)
After June 1	Additional 3 Month Tuition Obligation

*Parents must notify the school business office in writing of their intent to withdraw.