



## ELCA Financial Aid Guidelines, Procedures & FAQ's 2018-2019 School Year

Eagle's Landing Christian Academy is committed to providing Kingdom Education that yields a lifetime of returns to families who seek this opportunity for their children. ELCA allocates donor contributions toward a designated fund to offer financial aid for families who desire a Christian education for their children and are willing to make a personal sacrifice but lack sufficient resources to fully cover the cost of tuition.

### Guidelines

- Financial Aid is need-based and is for TUITION assistance only. Students in grades K5-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. Priority will be given to returning students and ELFBC members over new applicants. A returning family must have completed the re-enrollment process and paid the re-enrollment fee. New families must meet all admissions criteria, pay the application fee and be accepted. Application fee/re-enrollment fees are non-refundable.
- Recipients must re-apply for financial aid each year.
- Student must be in good standing academically (at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA).
- Student must be in good standing behaviorally. Students and families that do not adhere to school policies and procedures may not be considered for continuation of financial aid.
- The distribution of aid is awarded based on the order of need and availability of funds.
- Prior to financial aid being considered, your family account must be current with the ELCA Business office.
- Candidates who fail to provide the required information, do not follow the procedures/guidelines, or miss deadlines may not be considered for assistance by the Financial Aid Committee.
- Financial Aid is funded through donor contributions and other gifts.
- All information is kept strictly confidential.
- Completion of the financial aid application is not a binding agreement that assistance is available or will be granted.

### Procedures for Applying for Financial Aid

- Applications for financial aid should be submitted after **January 30<sup>th</sup>** upon completion of your 2017 taxes and no later than **March 16<sup>th</sup>** to be considered for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications may be submitted after the deadline, but will not be considered with the initial awards; late applications will be considered, if funds are still available.
- **FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment conducts the financial need analysis for Eagle's Landing Christian Academy. Access the application through your ParentsWeb account or go online at <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3S.J2P> to complete your application. The fee is \$30. If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-315-9262.**
- **Once the online application has been completed, the following documents must be sent to FACTS to complete the application process:**
  - Copy of 2017 Federal Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) If applicant and co-applicant file separately, both tax returns are required.
  - 2017 W2(s) for both applicant and co-applicant
  - Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF

**Supporting documentation can be uploaded, faxed to 1-866-315-9264 or mailed to the address below:**

**FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment  
P.O. Box 82524  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2524**

- Upon completion and receipt of all the above paperwork, the Financial Aid Committee will determine what, if any, assistance can be offered.
- Award letters will be mailed to families upon decision of award. If a family does not respond to or accept the award by the deadline stated in the award correspondence, the award will be given to another family in need. If an award will not be made a denial letter will be mailed.
- Please contact Donna Bowie at 678.818.1046 if you have any questions.

## FAQ's

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### **What is Financial Aid?**

Financial aid is assistance available for families who desire a Christian education for their children and are willing to make a personal sacrifice but lack sufficient resources to fully cover the cost of tuition. Financial aid is need-based and is for TUITION assistance only.

Financial Aid is funded through donor contributions and other gifts.

### **1. Who can apply?**

Students in grades K5-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. Student(s) must be in good standing academically (at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA). Student(s) must be in good standing behaviorally. (Students and families that do not adhere to school policies and procedures may not be considered for continuation of financial aid.) A returning family must have completed the re-enrollment process and paid the re-enrollment fee. New families must meet all admissions criteria, pay the application fee and be accepted. Application fees/re-enrollment fees are non-refundable. Priority will be given to returning students and ELFBC members over new applicants. Account must be current with the ELCA business office.

### **2. How can I apply?**

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment conducts the financial need analysis for Eagle's Landing Christian Academy. Access the application through your ParentsWeb account or go online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3SJ2P> to complete your application. The fee is \$30. If someone other than the parent is financially responsible for the tuition, that person must also submit a Financial Aid Application. In addition to the Financial Aid application the following documents are required to process your application:

- 1) Copy of 2017 Federal Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) If applicant & co-applicant file separately, both tax returns are required.
- 2) 2017 W2(s) for both applicant & co-applicant
- 3) Copies of supporting documentation for SS income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF

All supporting documentation can be faxed to 1-866-315-9264 or mailed to:

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If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-315-9262.

### **3. What additional factors does the Financial Aid Committee take into consideration in determining awards?**

To get a clear picture of a family's financial situation, the Financial Aid Committee must receive accurate information from all the adults residing in the applicant's home. Lifestyle choices are also considered. A family that chooses to have a stay-at-home parent, invests in luxury cars, second homes and expensive vacations and appears to have limited funds will not receive the same consideration as parents who work at full capacity, live frugally, and still have limited funds to cover tuition costs.

**4. How is it awarded?**

The financial aid committee reviews all of the above information & determines what, if any, assistance can be offered. Award letters will be mailed to families upon decision of award. If a family does not respond to or accept the award by the deadline stated in the award correspondence, the award will be given to another family in need. If an award will not be made a denial letter will be mailed.

**5. Does ELCA offer scholarships to students with academic, fine arts or athletic skills?**

ELCA does not offer scholarships based on a student's skills, talents, or abilities. All aid is based on financial need rather than co-curricular strengths, in accordance with the regulations of the Georgia High School Association.

**6. How much aid may I expect to receive?**

Each case is considered individually. (Financial Aid is for tuition ASSISTANCE.) The amount of aid awarded will be based on financial need determination, number of families requesting assistance, funds available, and student evaluation. It is understood that a cooperative effort will take place between the school and the family in regard to financial assistance given. All awards should be kept confidential by the receiving parties. **Open discussions of financial aid awards could result in the loss of the award.**

**7. Is the aid renewable each year?**

No, recipients must re-apply each year.

**8. Is there a deadline to be considered for aid?**

Applications for financial aid should be submitted after **January 30<sup>th</sup>**, upon the completion of your **2017 tax return and no later than March 16<sup>th</sup>**, to be considered for the upcoming school year. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered with the initial awards; late applications will be considered, if funds are still available. Awards are made as early as April. We encourage our families to complete the forms early for the best opportunity to receive assistance.

**9. Are there any options for financing tuition available?**

Yes. Finance all or part of tuition through Your Tuition Solution. Your Tuition Solution is a premier provider of low fixed rate extended payment options for primary and secondary private school education. Loans are offered by Springstone Financial, LLC. Your Tuition Solution's convenient payment plans give you a wide range of options such as:

- Financing from \$2,000 to \$40,000
- Fixed rates as low as 3.99% APR\*
- Payment terms from 24 to 84 months
- No application fees or initial payment

To learn more about Your Tuition Solution's flexible plans, compare payment options or apply online, visit [TuitionSolution.com](http://TuitionSolution.com) today.