

FAST - TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions:

The goal of the *Websterville Christian Academy* Administration and School Board is to make it possible for every family that desires access to a Christian Education to attend WCA.

Websterville Christian Academy does not want to have any child not able to attend based solely on finances. The Administration and The School Board continually work with families to help make tuition more affordable.

How do I apply for Tuition Assistance?

WCA uses a third party vendor to process all applications. **FAST is not a scholarship.** FAST is the processing company that allows WCA to make a better and more informed decision when distributing the available funds among those who have applied for assistance. Availability of funds vary from year to year depending on the donations received by WCA for tuition assistance.

The online application for FAST can be accessed through the link provided on the WCA website. <https://wcavt.org/registration-forms/> It takes approximately 45 minutes to complete the application. The application is in essence a financial disclosure statement. You will be required to send supporting documentation directly to FAST. FAST requires you to provide all pages of your Federal and State Tax returns, W-2's and business tax returns (if applicable). Additional documents may be requested.

May I complete the application in paper format instead of online?

Unfortunately, no. All applications must be submitted online.

Can WCA or a representative of WCA fill out my application?

Unfortunately, no. This is a process that needs to be completed by each applicant.

Who decides what tuition assistance is awarded and how is the decision based?

The School Board considers the recommendations for the applicants by FAST. The School Board is ultimately responsible for determining the amount of the assistance given. Many factors are considered when determining the amount awarded to each family. Factors include but are not limited to: family income and expenses, net worth, debt level, and number of children attending WCA. In

addition, special family circumstances are also considered when a letter of explanation is included in the application process. *The amount of assistance granted can vary greatly depending upon those factors and the availability of funds.*

Is there an application deadline and what if I miss it?

The application dates are from **March 1st to May 31st** for the following school year you wish to enroll. If a returning family misses the application deadline, they may still apply. However, they must first contact the school prior to applying to ensure availability of funds.

Does my child's academic achievement or athletic ability influence the decision for assistance?

Websterville Christian Academy does not award tuition assistance based on athletic merits. **Academic achievement may be considered on a year to year basis.**

Do I need to reapply each year?

Yes. Tuition Assistance applications and tax documentation for students must be submitted to FAST within the application window of time.

Will my financial information be kept confidential?

Information submitted to FAST is kept in strict confidence. All tax documents are submitted to and kept by FAST. All members of the School Board are sensitive to and fully aware of the need for confidentiality. In addition, we require that families who receive awards be discreet and keep the award amounts confidential and not discuss them with other families or teachers. WCA is not at liberty to discuss award amounts or make comparisons with applicants.

I am divorced/separated. Does my child's other parent need to apply?

When both parents are legally responsible for the financial support of the child, regardless of their situation, the financial information of both is required and considered and both parents must apply. Often there are other adults who may help with the tuition such as step-parents, grandparents, etc. The persons financially responsible for the child should be the ones completing the FAST application.

When will I know if I have been awarded tuition assistance?

Applications will only be considered if they have been filled out completely and all requested documents have been submitted to FAST. For applications submitted by the due date, a decision letter will be mailed by **July 1st**.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Annual Plan

Full tuition is due by August 1st.

Semi-annual Plan

Two equal payments are due on August 1st and January 1st.

Ten Month Plan

Ten equal payments are due monthly beginning in **August and ending in May**.

Additional Details

Once tuition costs have been settled, payments are made online using our tuition payment management system Blackbaud.