

# **TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS**

San Antonio Christian School is committed to providing a Christ-centered, college-preparatory education to preschool through 12th grade students. Recognizing the cost of private school education is a significant investment, we are privileged to offer need-based tuition assistance to qualified families (grades K-12). This assistance is made possible through the San Antonio Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund and through the generous support of our alumni, parents, grandparents and other friends.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS

Any family of a Kindergarten through 12th grade student that shows a demonstrated need as determined by FACTS Grant & Aid, a trusted third-party agency, is eligible. We encourage all families concerned with affordability to complete a FACTS Grant and Aid application. Many factors are considered when determining a family's tuition assistance, 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. Families must be in good academic and disciplinary standing to receive tuition assistance. SACS is unable to estimate the tuition assistance for which a family qualifies without completion of an application.

## STEP 1: Submit an Application

To be considered for tuition assistance, an application for admission to SACS must have been submitted. Parents must apply directly with FACTS. All financial information is kept confidential. FACTS charges a \$40 application fee per family.

#### STEP 2: Evaluation by FACTS

FACTS evaluates applications based on criteria set by SACS and makes a recommendation to our tuition assistance committee. Tuition assistance applications take two weeks to process by FACTS once all supporting documents have been received.

## STEP 3: Review by Tuition Assistance Committee

The qualifying amount FACTS recommends is reviewed by the tuition assistance committee and an award amount is determined based upon a combination of many factors. Awards are made within two weeks of the FACTS evaluation.

## STEP 4: Notification of Award

Families are notified of their tuition assistance award via email and the tuition agreement is adjusted accordingly.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Do I need to apply for tuition assistance every year?** Yes. All families must reapply each year.

What kind of economic situation is typical of a family that qualifies for tuition assistance? A wide range of families with a variety of circumstances qualify for tuition assistance.

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.

Can my family receive a multi-student discount in conjunction with tuition assistance? Yes. The multi-student discount is granted prior to any tuition assistance award.

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.

Do returning students receive priority over new students when applying for tuition assistance? Yes. Returning SACS students who submit an application by the published deadline will receive priority consideration.

## What documents does FACTS require?

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.
- Copies of your W-2 forms for both you and your spouse.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.
- In order to expedite your application, we recommend that all supporting documentation be uploaded in pdf format online. Documentation can also be faxed to 1-866-315-9264. Please be sure to include the applicant ID on all correspondence.

How do I reach FACTS to apply?
FACTS Customer Care 1-866-441-4637
Link to apply: <a href="https://online.factsmgt.com/aid">https://online.factsmgt.com/aid</a>

*How do I reach SACS Tuition Assistance?*Contact Linda Herrera: 210-340-1864 ext. 506

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