

Financial Assistance Program Details Trinity Lutheran High School

Through God's continued blessing and many generous donors, the Christian education Trinity offers continues to be made affordable for many families. This year, the first \$125,000 raised through the auction is set aside for tuition aid the following year. In addition, the Cougar's Den has made substantial contributions due to the increase in the level of need.

In the past, application deadlines came throughout the year, and families could apply early and receive notification of the amount of their award soon after. However, this created a great need for additional financial aid last year as a record number of families applied in the last month before the deadline. An additional \$50,000 was raised to meet this increased demand, but the need for a change in the procedure was evident.

Families can apply anytime throughout the year, but the amount of aid awarded will not be shared until May 18th. **Applications must be received by FAIR on or before April 17th in order to be guaranteed consideration of an award.**

It would be difficult to share an estimation of the aid that could be awarded each family due to the many factors that FAIR takes into consideration. These include the size of the family, assets, number of students attending school(s), discretionary income, and home or business equity.

However, it is possible to share some specific examples from the past five years. The finance committee set the maximum amount of financial award at 75% of tuition.

Single Parent with income of \$18,000 and one student received \$3,450 tuition aid
Single Parent with income of \$32,000 and one student received \$3,000 tuition aid
Married couple with income of \$29,000 and one student received \$3,000 tuition aid
Single parent with income of \$64,000 and one student received \$2,500 tuition aid
Married couple with income of \$57,000 and one student received \$2000 tuition aid
Married couple with income of \$86,000 and one student received \$400 tuition aid
Married couple with income of \$90,000 and one student received no tuition aid



Procedure for Applying for Financial Assistance

In order for Trinity Lutheran High School to award financial aid to a student, the parents must apply through FAIR, an independent financial aid reviewer. Using FAIR ensures an objective evaluation of each family's financial need and keeps all application materials confidential.

Families can apply anytime prior to the start of the school year of which the aid is intended, however, in order to be guaranteed consideration of an award, the application and all materials **must be received by FAIR on or before April 17th**.

There are two methods of applying:

PAPER FORMS (Available after February 10, 2012)

Please stop in the office or call to request that a form be mailed to you. Fill out the form in full, and mail the form, a copy of your 2011 federal income tax return, 2011 W-2's, your most recent paystub and an application fee of \$27 to FAIR. Families using the paper application process will receive a post card confirming the receipt of their application.

ONLINE (Available after February 6, 2012) Go to www.fairapp.com

In order to apply online, you will need the following:

1. School Code: 263
2. School Password: tlhs263
3. A valid email address
4. A credit card to complete payment processing (Visa or Mastercard)
5. 2011 Federal Income Tax Return with all schedules and W-2's

To begin the application process, go to www.fairapp.com and click on the "Online Application" link. Create a user account using your email address and create a password. You may then log in using the school code and password to fill out the form.

Once completed, you will receive a confirmation page that verifies FAIR has received your application as well as an email reconfirming receipt. The confirmation page and the email will also remind you to submit your tax return to FAIR as soon as possible. If the tax return is not received by FAIR within 14 days, an email reminder will be sent.

If you have specific questions, please call the school, or contact FAIR:

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