



**What is your philosophy about tuition assistance?**

The desire of our school is to offer a Christian education to as many families as possible regardless of their economic status. CSD utilizes the services of FACTS Grant & Aid to more accurately and confidentially evaluate the financial status of a family that may need help in paying tuition.

**Where does CSD receive the tuition assistance that they award?**

Tuition assistance is budgeted annually based on the amount of tuition expected to receive each year. CSD also receives generous donations from current families and alumni.

**How do I apply for tuition assistance?**

Families should apply online with FACTS Grant & Aid at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

**Who is FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment?**

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is an independent, third party company that conducts financial analysis to determine financial need. CSD receives a confidential report outlining your financial situation based on the information obtained in your application and supporting tax documents.

**Who decides how much tuition assistance a family will receive?**

The analysis completed by FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment serves as a recommendation only, CSD Tuition Assistance Committee is solely responsible for determining the final grant or aid award. The past several year's tuition assistance awards have been capped at 50% of tuition.

**What documentation will I need to submit?**

Federal income tax return, W-2 forms, and supporting documentation for non-taxable income are required.

**Why do I have to provide all of this personal and confidential information?**

In order to provide CSD with an accurate assessment, FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment must verify your expenses and household income to determine the amount of tuition assistance needed for each family.

**Does the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment process require a credit check?**

No. FACTS does not require a credit check and applying for aid will not affect your credit rating.

**Is the application process secure?**

Yes. All documentation received is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed. The application data then becomes property of the applicable institution.

**How can I check the status of my application?**

You can login to your FACTS user account at [online.factsmgt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid) to review the status of your application. Please allow 2 weeks processing time from the date you provided all of the supporting documents before inquiring further about receipt and/or status of the uploaded documents.

**Can I make changes to my application after I submit it?**

Yes. You can add additional schools and make corrections to the application form by logging into your account and clicking on View Form.

**Will FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment send me a copy of my assessment?**

No. The assessment of your application will be sent only to the educational institution(s) providing the award.

**How much does it cost to apply?**

A nonrefundable application fee of \$35 is required by FACTS Grant & Aid before your application can be submitted.

**How do I submit supporting documents?**

Supporting documents are uploaded directly into your FACTS Grant & Aid account online.

**How do I find out if I've been awarded tuition assistance?**

Once an award decision is made, CSD will notify you via e-mail and your FACTS account.

**When will we know our 2020-21 tuition assistance award?**

Tuition assistance awards should be sent to families from FACTS, regardless of the date filed, on or about May 15, 2020. We recommend that families wait until they receive their 2019 W-2s to apply with FACTS.

**Why is the deadline to file with FACTS so early in the year?**

Tuition assistance applications must be filed with FACTS no later than March 15, 2020. In order to have the tuition assistance awards to our families by the end of May, we need to have the applications processed by April 15. FACTS requires 2- 4 weeks for processing. Many times, FACTS will require additional information from families to complete their application. The March 15 date gives FACTS and the CSD Tuition Assistance Committee the time necessary to process applications and make the tuition assistance award.

**Can I receive tuition assistance without filing with FACTS?**

No. All families requesting tuition assistance must have an application processed by FACTS.

**What if I miss the March 15, 2020 deadline?**

Families who miss the March 15, 2020 deadline may see their tuition assistance award reduced. It is very important that all families who are requesting tuition assistance meet this deadline. New families enrolling after March 15, 2020 may apply for aid until our tuition assistance budget has been exhausted.

**What if my 2019 tax return is not complete?**

Families may use their 2018 tax return to apply for tuition assistance until April 1, 2020. After April 1, the 2019 tax return must be used.

**I applied with FACTS last year; do I need to apply again?**

Yes. All families must apply with FACTS each year.

**Should I apply for tuition assistance?**

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment does not set any income guidelines or have restrictions on who may apply for tuition assistance. If you feel your family should receive tuition assistance, it is to your benefit to apply.

**My financial situation has changed from last year, what should I do?**

Any family that feels they need tuition assistance for the 2020-21 school year should apply with FACTS regardless of their 2019 income. Include with your application an explanation of your changed circumstances.

**What if I do not qualify for tuition assistance, but I know that I need aid?**

CSD understands that each family's situation is unique. If FACTS recommends that you do not qualify for assistance, you will receive a notification from FACTS by May 15, 2020. The next step will be to ask for a review of your application by the Tuition Assistance Committee (TAC). Please send an email asking for a review, and include any information regarding your financial situation that you feel the committee needs to know to [tuitionassistance@cdspk12.com](mailto:tuitionassistance@cdspk12.com), no later than June 15, 2020.

**What if my assistance award amount is not enough?**

If you feel that you need additional assistance, email the Tuition Assistance Committee at [tuitionassistance@cdspk12.com](mailto:tuitionassistance@cdspk12.com), and provide information as to why you need additional assistance, no later than June 15, 2020.