

Tuition Assistance

How to Apply

1. Registering or re-enrollment is the first step in the process.
2. Submit an application online with ISM/FAST. [Click here to begin.](#)
3. Download, initial and sign the Statement of Confidentiality and return directly to Marie Dougil at Lighthouse Christian School. [Click here to download.](#)

The following dates pertain to **both current and new** Lighthouse families:

- June 1st – Deadline to qualify for a 10-month (full year) grant. Lighthouse families must submit the FAST application (including a copy of their current tax return) and the Statement of Confidentiality.
- June 2nd through July 15th – Deadline to qualify for a 9-month grant. The full August tuition payment is the responsibility of the applicant.
- July 16th through August 15th – Deadline to qualify for an 8-month grant. The full August and September tuition payments are the responsibility of the applicant.
- Applications received after the 15th of each month will continue to be processed by the 2nd week of the following month for a potential partial-year grant.

LCS's Tuition Assistance Committee makes its decisions after reviewing ISM/FAST's recommendations in light of funds available and the applicant pool. If desired, a member of the Tuition Assistance Committee will be available to meet with the applicants. The Committee will notify all applicants by mail of its decisions. If funds are available after the normal enrollment cycle is completed, LCS will continue to accept applications for tuition grants. However, we strongly recommend that families complete their applications during the normal enrollment period in order to have the best opportunity to receive grants.

The Tuition Assistance Committee considers other factors in its decisions. Students must demonstrate good academic standing and conduct. Any chronic disciplinary issues arising during the school year will be evaluated by the Committee and may impact eligibility at any time. Any unpaid balances from the prior school year must also be brought current before tuition grants will be considered, and families are expected to remain current with their payments in order for their grants to be sustained. Also, we encourage parents receiving grants to participate as volunteers in support of LCS.

Due to changes in family income, the applicant pool, and available funds, tuition grants are not automatically renewable nor should they be assumed to remain at prior levels. Accordingly, a new application must be completed for each year that tuition assistance is desired.

The admission forms must first be completed. However, a family's decision to apply for tuition grants will have no bearing on the admission decision. Enrollment and tuition grant decisions are made independently. If within 30 days after receiving the grant decision, an applicant elects not to attend LCS (and it's before school has commenced) their re-enrollment or registration fees will be refunded.

Dis-enrollment of a Child after applying with ISM/FAST

If after applying with ISM/FAST, one or more of their children will not be attending Lighthouse, the applicant *must* promptly inform Jenny Dubinsky, Director of Operations, and should expect a revision in the grant amount.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should I contact with questions regarding tuition grants?

Please contact Jenny Dubinsky, LCS's Director of Operations, at 253-858-5962 or email her at jdubinsky@lcschool.org with any questions you may have. For assistance with the ISM/FAST application or general questions, please contact that organization directly at 1-877-326-3278 or help@ismfast.com.

How do I receive my grant award?

Tuition grants are credited on a monthly basis to that family's account. They are responsible for paying the remaining portion when due.

Are tuition awards grants or loans?

The awards are grants and not expected to be repaid.

Does LCS provide full tuition grants?

No. LCS believes that it is in the best interests of the school and our families if parents have a financial commitment to their children's education.

Who has access to the information provided in the various applications and forms? Will our information be shared with other departments?

Application information and award amounts will be held in the strictest of confidence by the Tuition Assistance Committee and Director of Operations.

What happens if we decide that the grant we receive will not be enough for our family? Can we get our re-enrollment or registration fees refunded?

Yes, LCS will refund the re-enrollment and registration fees **IF** you notify the school within 30 days of receiving the grant decision that you will not be able to enroll your student(s). However, if school has already started then LCS will not be able to refund any fees.