



VARIABLE TUITION INFO GUIDE

Lighthouse Christian School is committed to providing an accessible, high-quality education built on a Biblical worldview. We recognize not only the importance of a Christian education, but also the investment families make to secure that priceless gift for their children.

Our variable tuition program provides customized tuition rates for qualifying students in grades K-8 for whom the full cost of education may otherwise be prohibitive. It is a needs-based system that provides tuition grants that adjust the total tuition cost based on the unique financial situation of each qualifying family that applies. It is not a “one-size-fits all” tuition approach. Grants range from 5%-55% of the full annual tuition rate.

DID YOU KNOW?

No student pays 100% of the cost of an education at Lighthouse Christian School.

Through the generous financial support of donors to our various funds, programs and Endowment, the cost of tuition has already been supplemented for every Lighthouse student.

HOW DOES VARIABLE TUITION WORK?

Many factors, including income, assets, unusual expenses, and the size of the family are taken into consideration when determining grant eligibility and grant amounts. To get started, families submit a financial profile/application through the [FACTS Grant and Aid Portal](#). FACTS then evaluates the application on the basis of criteria set by LCS and makes a recommendation. The Tuition Evaluation Committee then reviews the recommendation, along with the application information and makes a final determination on the qualification and amount of a grant.

KEY INFO TO KNOW

TUITION RANGES

ELEMENTARY K-5TH	MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH-8TH
\$6,217 - \$13,815	\$6,595 - \$14,655

APPLICATION WINDOW

January 1, 2026

Variable Tuition Applications for the 2026-27 School year open in the [FACTS Grant & Aid Portal](#).

September 15, 2026

Application close date. This is the last day to submit a completed application for a partial school year grant.

APPLICATION PROCESS

PROCESS OVERVIEW



1

Complete the online application



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Upload the required documentation, sign and upload the Terms and Conditions Form



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Application reviewed by independent third party



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Third party provides recommendation to LCS Tuition Evaluation Committee



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Tuition Evaluation Committee decides customized tuition amount



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Decision is communicated to the applicant

PREPARATION

You will need access to the following information when filling out your application:

- **2025 Tax Documents (Tax Return, W2's and or 1099's)**
 - For early applicants, we understand that your taxes may not be complete at the time. If they are not yet complete or you are planning to file an extension, you must upload a copy of your 2024 Tax Return as well as email tuitioneval@lcschool.org to notify the committee of the timing that your 2025 tax return will be submitted. Failure to notify the committee will result in a delay in processing your application. Any grant awards provided based on 2024 tax documents are contingent and subject to change once 2025 documents are received/reviewed.
- **Income and Asset details (for example):**
 - Banking, retirement and investment account balances
 - Property ownership
 - Business ownership
 - Additional income sources or benefits
- **Expense details (for example):**
 - Rental/mortgage expenses
 - Vehicle expenses
 - Insurance premiums
 - Child/Elder care expenses

APPLICATION

- **Step 1:** Prepare all required documentation and information from the list above.
- **Step 2:** Complete the required application in full. From the link on the Variable Tuition Info page at www.lcschool.org, begin your application. (Note, you will create a separate username/password than your FACTS Financial Management login. If you have submitted a Variable Tuition/Financial Aid application in the past, you will use the same login.)
- **Step 3:** Submit required Terms and Conditions Agreement (link in application)

NOTIFICATION TIMING

- Once a completed application has been received in full, the application will be reviewed by our third party who will provide a grant recommendation.
- The Tuition Evaluation Committee is then notified that the application is ready for internal review. The Committee reviews all details of the application for eligibility.
- Notification letter is sent out upon completion of review and qualification determination. This process could take up to 3 weeks from initial application submission.

VARIABLE TUITION POLICIES & TERMS

POLICIES

- Variable tuition is designed to support families based on financial need and are not designed to support lifestyle choices that result in heavy financial stress or indebtedness.
- All applications are reviewed by an independent financial assessment organization and a recommendation is provided for each application. Recommendations are reviewed by the LCS Tuition Evaluation Committee for final determination of eligibility and/or your customized tuition amount.
- We recognize that every family's situation is unique. One of the greatest factors in evaluating financial need depends on a family's adjusted gross income to tuition cost ratio. However, the committee will take into account other factors.
- Academic and disciplinary standards as presented in the Parent-Student Handbook must be maintained.
- Families receiving a discounted tuition rate through variable tuition must actively participate in the school community and stay current on financial obligations.
- Variable tuition applies only to the current school year. It may be renewed annually by application and may be different from past amounts if there are substantial changes in a family's income, assets or family makeup of enrolled students.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

All Variable Tuition Applicants will be required to acknowledge and agree to the following terms:

- If deemed eligible to receive a reduced tuition rate, your customized variable tuition amount should remain confidential at all times. This information should not be shared with other Lighthouse families as each family situation is unique.
- Should your financial position change from the time of your application, you are required to inform the Tuition Evaluation Committee accordingly.
- If actual income exceeds your anticipated income as reported on your application by more than \$20,000, you must notify the Tuition Evaluation Committee within 30 days.
- I understand that full, accurate, and honest disclosure of all financial information – including income, assets, business revenue, investments, gifts, and assistance – is required. Any withholding, minimizing, or misrepresentation of information will jeopardize current and future eligibility, including potential loss of any awarded grant. I understand that the Variable Tuition Review process is a multi-faceted evaluation, taking into account not only household income, but also a holistic look at a family's overall financial picture such as total assets, liabilities, personal savings, home equity, and other holdings.
- I understand that the Tuition Evaluation Committee may include information identified through public record in their evaluation process. Requests for clarification/confirmation of additional identified information may be requested of applicants.
- I understand that students receiving variable tuition must demonstrate good academic standing and conduct. Disciplinary issues may be reviewed by the Tuition Evaluation Committee and may impact current and future grants.
- I understand that our FACTS account is to remain current in order for the discounted tuition to be sustained.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE TYPICAL FINANCIAL SITUATION OF A FAMILY WHO QUALIFIES FOR VARIABLE TUITION?

A wide range of families with a variety of circumstances qualify for the program. Because each family's financial situation is different, variable tuition rates are matched to each family's unique financial situation within the variable tuition range. Many factors are evaluated when determining each family's rate including income, assets, unusual expenses, family size, and LCS enrollment.

WHO SEES MY APPLICATION AND THE INFORMATION I SUBMIT?

All records and correspondence are held in the strictest confidence. Only our third party tuition partner and the Tuition Evaluation Committee will review this information. The identity of all students receiving a variable tuition rate is confidential.

IS VARIABLE TUITION INTENDED ONLY FOR THOSE THAT NEED FINANCIAL AID?

No. Many factors are considered when calculating variable tuition, including the number of students a family may have enrolled. However, discounted tuition rates come from an available pool of funds, so priority will be given to families with the most need.

WHAT IF I HAVEN'T FILED MY TAXES YET FOR THIS YEAR?

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IF I DON'T QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR, CAN I APPLY AGAIN NEXT YEAR?

Yes. We recognize a family's unique financial situation may change from year to year. A family that does not qualify one year is welcome to apply the following year.

IS IT NECESSARY TO RE-APPLY EACH YEAR?

Yes. Since financial situations can change, families receiving a customized tuition amount would need to apply for variable tuition each year.

HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Please send your questions and inquiries to TuitionEval@lcschool.org