



## Need- Based Tuition Assistance Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### 1.) How is my family's need determined?

Covenant Life School uses a third party, FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, to calculate the amount that each family can afford to pay based on the information provided by the family on the application. This information is used along with 1040's and W-2's to help FACTS verify your information. Our committee takes the FACTS assessment along with any other extenuating circumstances, as noted on your application, to arrive at an offer of assistance award.

### 2.) How do I express interest in applying for tuition assistance?

The tuition assistance application process is separate from the admission process. You may apply for tuition assistance from our website by clicking on the "Admissions" tab then "Tuition and Assistance." There is a direct link from that page to FACTS Grant & Aid.

### 3.) Does Covenant Life School offer scholarships?

No. Covenant Life School offers only need-based tuition assistance. If an applicant is a member of Covenant Life Church, they will receive approximately a 5% discount on their tuition.

### 4.) Will my tuition assistance application be processed if I have not submitted an application for enrollment?

No. The tuition assistance committee only processes applications for enrolled students and new student applicants. Students are not considered applicants until an enrollment application has been submitted. Sometimes families with more than one student would like information about the likelihood of receiving some assistance before paying the enrollment application fees. Families that have submitted the tuition assistance application may request an informal assessment by contacting Bob Schickler at [bschickler@clsemail.org](mailto:bschickler@clsemail.org).

### 5.) Does Covenant Life School offer multiple child discounts?

Covenant Life School does not give automatic multiple child discounts. Generally, families with multiple children qualify for more assistance. This typically works better for families with multiple children than an automatic discount and is a fairer assessment of true need.

### 6.) How many children at Covenant Life School benefit from need-based tuition assistance?

Approximately 30-35% of Covenant Life School students currently receive need-based assistance.

**7.) What is the average amount awarded per student?**

Our typical assistance grants have ranged from \$1,000 - \$5,500 per student. The school cannot offer a greater amount than 50% of tuition. All parents should expect to contribute to your child's tuition.

**8.) How are divorced or single parent families considered for aid?**

We believe that tuition is first and foremost a responsibility of parents. Whenever possible, we require BOTH parents (custodial and non-custodial) full financial disclosure so that need may be determined. In all cases each family's financial information is kept confidential.

**9.) Why do I need to submit my taxes?**

FACTS Grant & Aid needs your tax documents to verify the information that was provided on the assistance application.

**10.) When will I receive notification of the tuition assistance award?**

The tuition assistance committee typically meets once per month to review completed applications. Please note that to be considered a complete application you must include your tax forms as noted on the FACTS website. Covenant Life School will email you after you have completed your application to let you know when the next committee meeting will be.