



Tuition Assistance Policy

INTRODUCTION

Funds are set aside each year to assist those families unable to meet their tuition obligations. Under this program, tuition assistance is available to families at Lititz Christian School with demonstrated financial need.

The FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment application is to be used when requesting assistance. The deadline for applying is February 29, 2024 unless your child was admitted after that date. We have a rolling deadline for new families. If difficulty is encountered in making tuition payments during the school year, this application should be submitted immediately. A determination will be made within 30 days and you will be notified of your award amount via email.

Lititz Christian School's Tuition Assistance Program is not funded with tuition dollars and is limited. Therefore, it is not guaranteed year to year. The amount of assistance we can award our families is based on donations to our Tuition Assistance fund. It is also determined by Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) funds that are graciously directed to Lititz Christian by local businesses. Amounts awarded typically range between 5% and 20% of the tuition, although a greater or lesser amount may be awarded based on the availability of funds and/or other circumstances.

Please be aware that there are other tuition assistance opportunities available. Please contact one of the following websites to find out more information on how to apply:

- CEO America – www.ceoamerica.net (for low-income families coming from public school)
- The Davidson Institute – www.davidsongifted.org (for gifted students)
- Lancaster County Community Foundation Assistance Program

Tuition Assistance applications will only be considered if:

- Tuition accounts are current
- Enrollment fees are paid for the upcoming school year
- Online enrollment is fully completed

Tuition Assistance may be withdrawn if your tuition account is not paid on a current basis.

Recipients of financial assistance agree to inform Lititz Christian School's finance office immediately, and in writing, if any change in financial status affects the qualifications for the assistance. When tuition assistance is awarded to more than one family member, the withdrawal of one or more students proportionately reduces the amount allocated to that family.

Lititz Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in administering its Tuition Assistance program.

EITC GUIDELINES
For families who qualify based on financial need

The applicant’s household adjustable gross income may not exceed \$105,183.00 for the 2024-2025 school year, plus an income allowance of \$18,514.00 for each eligible student and dependent member of the household, as defined by IRS guidelines. Household income does **not** include disability payments, worker’s compensation, retirement pensions, public assistance or unemployment compensation, reimbursement for work-related expenses, employer or union payments for hospitalization, death benefits, supplemental unemployment, strike benefits, social security and retirement, and combat pay for military personnel.

2024-25 school year

A single parent with a child (age 1-21)	A married couple with a child	A married couple with two children	A married couple with three children
\$123,697	\$123,697	\$142,211	\$160,726

For each additional child or dependent (as defined by IRS guidelines), \$18,514.00 may be added.

- Assistance awarded through monies received through EITC will meet the family income guidelines established by the state of Pennsylvania for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program.
- Assistance monies received through EITC will be used entirely for assistance to Pennsylvania families.
- Complete financial disclosure is necessary so that we can properly evaluate the request and offer recommendations. All applications will be secured in such a way as to protect the confidentiality of the information provided by the family.
- Any family withdrawing students who received assistance will be liable to return unused assistance monies. The number of days attended will be prorated to determine the amount of money to be returned.
- Assistance awarded to families from EITC will not exceed 100% of tuition.
- Do not leave any questions blank. Incomplete applications will be returned. Every part of the application must be answered to the satisfaction of the school administrator and the school board.

- If parents are divorced or separated or do not reside in the same household, the custodial parent must provide the information requested.

OSTC GUIDELINES

For families who live in the boundaries of low achieving schools

- <https://dced.pa.gov/opportunity-assistance-tax-credit-program-faq/>
- *“Students who live within the attendance boundaries of a low-achieving school, as determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, are eligible to receive assistance if their household’s annual income is no greater than \$90,000 plus \$15,842 for each dependent member of the household.”*

Questions can be directed to Heather Woratyla, Business Manager, at 626-9518.