



# Financial Aid Program

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**Purpose:** To provide a means for families, who cannot afford all or a portion of the tuition, to have their children attend Tabernacle Christian School (TCS).

**Approval Authority:** The TCS School Board is the sole approval authority for awarding this grant. The number of awards in any year is up to the discretion of the board.

**Program Limitations:** There must be space available in the classroom(s). That is, paying students will have priority. If enough paying students enroll to fill a class, no grant can be awarded for that class. Applicants may have to wait till near the start of the school year to know if they are accepted. The program is for K5 and above; however, younger children may be covered if there is at least one child 5 or older in the family who will attend TCS.

**Qualifications:** In order to be considered for this program, families must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- The family must be members of a local Bible believing church:
  - Faithful in attendance at all services
  - Faithful in tithing
  - Involved in ministry
- Parents and students 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up must have a Christian testimony of personal salvation.
- The family must have a legitimate, proven need of financial assistance. They must be willing to provide evidence of family income and budget.
- The children must demonstrate a desire to attend TCS.

- The parents must be committed to the principles of Christian education.
- If not members of Tabernacle Baptist, a written recommendation from the family's pastor testifying to their compliance with the above criteria must be obtained.
- If members of this family are current or prior students in TCS, any outstanding balance must be current under an approved payment plan.
- Current or prior students must receive the recommendation of their teachers and/or administrators of TCS.
- The family must be willing to contribute time and talents to the school and participate in all TCS fund raisers.

**Requirements for Maintaining Eligibility:** Any failure to maintain the above standards or the following requirements may result in termination of the grant and/or dismissal of the student(s) from the school. A written notification of termination/dismissal will be given spelling out the reason. See the *Appeal Process* below for appealing the termination of a grant. Dismissals will be handled according to the rules for disciplinary or financial dismissal procedures covered in other TCS policies.

1. Students are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and maintain good attendance.
2. Students must comply with the TCS student handbook.
3. Parents are expected to be actively involved in fundraisers and volunteerism that promotes the school.
4. Parents must demonstrate on a continuing basis a cooperative attitude toward the school administration and staff.
5. Parents are required to notify TCS if their financial situation improves. In this case the parents will be expected to pay more toward their children's tuition so that additional needy families may be helped.
6. Although the aid was granted for a school year, the continuation of the grant award will be reviewed by the School Board at its discretion on a semester-by-semester basis.
7. Continuing good behavior by the student both in and out of school.

### **Financial:**

- Full financial disclosure is required. At a minimum the most recent year's Tax Return Statement and a budget statement showing the family's normal monthly expenses must be provided. Other documentation may be also required.

- A grant is limited to the tuition cost and does not cover registration, books, or other required fees.
- Grants are not automatically renewable for a new school year. Families must reapply for aid for each school year.
- If the student withdraws from the school during the year, the grant is terminated, or the student is dismissed from the school, all unused portions of the aid shall be retained by the School Board.

**Appeal Process:** An appeal may be made to the TCS School Board for the reversal of a termination.

- This appeal must be made within one week from the date the termination goes into effect.
- The appeal may be made either verbally or in writing to the Senior Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church (TBC) or his designated representative.
- The ruling of the School Board will be final and not subject to further appeal.
- If the family elects to keep their child/children in the school after termination of the grant, tuition for the remainder of the school year will be prorated based upon normal tuition rates and the percent of the school year remaining.