



Tuition Assistance Instructions for 2017-2018

Westminster Christian School is committed to making Christian education affordable. Our goal is to work with each family, understand their individual circumstances, and partner with them to make Christian education a reality for their children.

Prerequisites:

Returning students must be re-registered for the 2017-2018 school year and be current with their tuition prior to applying for tuition assistance.

New students must have submitted a student application before applying for tuition assistance.

**Westminster's tuition assistance funds are not unlimited,
so early application is very important!!**

Westminster partners with an independent service, Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) by Independent School Management (ISM), in screening tuition assistance applications.

**Applications for tuition assistance for the fall of 2017 will be open through March 31,
with reward notification by April 15.**

Tuition Assistance Process:

1. Fill out the Tuition Assistance Application on line:
<https://www.ismfast.com/FastPage.php?id=c1a93c49360f3c05e7ad542392644b78>

(There is also a link to this application under the Admissions/Tuition Assistance tab on our website - www.westminsterchristian.org)
2. You **DO NOT NEED TO WAIT** for your taxes to be completed prior to submitting your application. The school will do a preliminary offer pending submission of your completed tax return. However, your 2016 taxes will need to be submitted to FAST to complete your application.
3. If necessary, you will be contacted by Maggie Schwartz, Business Manager, to review your application.
4. Families receiving tuition assistance will be asked to give 40 hours of service to the school during the summer or school year.

Tuition Assistance Policy Guide

The distribution of tuition assistance is one of the hardest tasks we tackle each year. Funding for assistance comes from the sacrificial giving of school friends and families so others might have the opportunity to attend Westminster. There are times in our lives when God gives us plenty so that we are able to give and other times where we need the help of our brothers and sisters in Christ in order to accomplish what God has called us to do.

Westminster tuition assistance opens the possibility of a Westminster Christian School education to families who, up until now, may not have considered Westminster as an option. Additionally, our tuition assistance program assists and supports our families facing unexpected financial challenges.

- If possible, we encourage families applying for assistance to first seek financial support from their church, family members, or supportive friends and connections before pursuing tuition assistance from Westminster.
- It is our hope to see each family currently receiving assistance increase their tuition responsibility each year, so that our assistance fund can be stretched, helping as many families as possible.

Each family receiving assistance is asked to give 40 hours of service to the school. Opportunities to complete these hours include helping to maintain our facilities and grounds, or helping with the logistics of the Family Picnic or Advancement events. Facilities and grounds service hours can take place during the summer or on Saturday's during the school year. High school students receiving tuition assistance are encouraged to serve all or a portion of the required hours. Middle school and elementary students are permitted to work alongside their parents as the job permits.