



Variable Tuition Application Information for 2018-2019

Westminster Christian School desires to work with each family, understand their individual financial circumstances, and partner with them to make Christian education a reality for their children. We seek to provide tuition assistance by matching our tuition rates to your unique financial position through our Variable Tuition plan.

Eligibility for tuition assistance is evaluated by a third-party source, FAST (Financial Aid and School Tuition), upon completion of a tuition assistance application.

Before Applying:

Returning students must be reenrolled for the 2018-2019 school year and the tuition account must be in good standing prior to submitting the Variable Tuition application.

**Variable Tuition applications for the fall of 2018 will be open through March 2,
with reward notification by March 15.**

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

The school does not have the ability to reduce tuition for every student who qualifies for both admission and Variable Tuition. Therefore, it is recommended that families apply for Variable Tuition as early as possible. A student may be admitted to the school but placed on a waiting list for Variable Tuition.

**Variable Tuition applications should be completed as soon as possible
in order to be considered.**

Variable Tuition Approval Process:

1. Fill out the Variable Tuition application on line:
<https://www.ismfast.com/FastPage.php?id=c1a93c49360f3c05e7ad542392644b78>
2. You **DO NOT NEED TO WAIT** for your taxes to be completed prior to submitting your application. The school will make a preliminary offer. Later, after your completed 2017 tax return is submitted, the offer can be made final.
3. If necessary, you will be contacted by Maggie Schwartz, Business Manager, to review your application.
4. Families receiving tuition assistance through the Variable Tuition plan will be asked to give 40 hours of service to the school during the summer or school year.

Variable Tuition Policy Guide

The distribution of tuition assistance is one of the hardest tasks we tackle each year. The ability to lower the tuition burden for a family in need is because of the generous and sacrificial giving of others within the larger school community. It is a clear example of believers loving their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Westminster is blessed to offer tuition assistance that opens the possibility of a Westminster Christian School education to families. Additionally, we desire to do all we can to assist and support our families facing unexpected financial challenges. As we do so, Westminster is called to steward our resources well for the benefit of all and to honor God with our gifts. We would ask you to consider the following ways to help us steward and maximize the impact of our tuition assistance resources.

- 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.
- If possible, we ask each family currently receiving assistance to increase their tuition responsibility each year. This helps Westminster to expand our financial support within the school community.

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.