

**Grace Lutheran School's Tuition Assistance
Information for 2025-26
Frequently Asked Questions**

Our tuition assistance model allows families to pay what they can reasonably afford to attend Grace. Each family pays a tuition amount that reflects their unique financial situation. Tuition assistance is available for students in Senior Kindergarten through 8th grade, and for the morning program only for Pre-K and Junior Kindergarten.

How does tuition assistance work?

Any family may apply for tuition assistance if they believe they may not be able to afford the full tuition rate at Grace. The primary factors considered when determining the tuition amount a family will pay include income, expenses, and the number of dependents. The goal is for each family to pay what they can reasonably afford.

Important Note: Tuition assistance is not guaranteed. While any family may apply, not all families will receive assistance. Assistance is awarded strictly on demonstrated financial need and the availability of funds. Grace Lutheran School does not offer merit-based scholarships, and we do not have an unlimited supply of tuition assistance funds.

How is tuition assistance determined?

Applications are submitted directly to FACTS Management, a third-party service. FACTS reviews each application and makes a recommendation to Grace's tuition assistance committee. The committee uses this recommendation to determine the tuition assistance amount. Families are notified of their tuition level by email from FACTS.

Should every Grace family apply for tuition assistance?

No. Only families who believe they may not be able to pay the full tuition amount should apply.

What kind of economic situation is typical of a family that qualifies?

A wide range of families qualify for tuition assistance—from those who can pay close to the full tuition amount to those who can pay a smaller percentage. Many factors are considered, including household income, expenses, and family size.

When is the application due? Is there a fee to apply?

The deadline to apply is April 30, 2024, for the 2025-26 school year. If you apply for admission to Grace after this date, an alternate deadline will be provided by the Director of Enrollment. FACTS charges a small processing fee when you apply.

Do I need to complete my 2024 tax return before applying?

Yes. Your 2024 tax return is required as part of the application process.

How soon will I know my tuition amount?

You will receive your tuition assistance decision approximately three weeks after completing the application, unless otherwise indicated by the Director or Enrollment. Initial notifications will be sent beginning in late March.

What if I can't afford the amount I was awarded?

If you believe your tuition assistance award does not reflect your financial need, you may submit an appeal.

Please note:

- New documentation is required to support any appeal.
- Explanations alone are not sufficient.
- Appeals will be reviewed by the tuition assistance committee, but changes are not guaranteed.
- Additional aid will only be considered if funding remains available.

Do I need to apply for tuition assistance every year?

Yes. You must submit a new application each year.

If I don't receive assistance this year, can I apply again next year?

Yes. Families who do not receive assistance in a given year—or choose not to apply—are welcome to apply again in future years.

Are any families awarded full tuition?

No. Every family is expected to contribute financially to their child's education. Grace Lutheran School partners with families by offering tuition assistance based on need, but all families are required to invest in their child's education.

What is the minimum amount each family must pay for 2025–26?

\$3,070 for 1 child

\$5,530 for 2 children

\$7,370 for 3 children

What is the full tuition amount for 2025–26?

The full tuition rate is \$9,038 per student. The actual cost of education is higher than this. Donations and fundraising (Annual Fund, A Graceful Evening, Walk with Grace), along with support from Grace Lutheran Church, help keep tuition affordable.

Does tuition assistance factor in multiple children attending Grace?

Yes. Having more than one child enrolled is an important consideration in determining tuition assistance. The FACTS application asks about family size and number of children enrolled.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS

1. Complete the online tuition assistance application through FACTS. Contact the Director of Enrollment if you need the link.
2. Wait to receive an email from FACTS with your tuition assistance decision (typically 3–4 weeks).
3. Accept the tuition assistance award or contact the school office with questions or to begin the appeal process (with documentation).