

**Grace Lutheran School's Tuition Assistance
Information for 2026-27
Frequently Asked Questions**

Our tuition assistance model allows families to pay what they can reasonably afford to attend Grace. Each family pays a rate of tuition that fits their unique financial situation. This is available for students in SK-8th grade, and for the morning program only for PK and JK.

How does tuition assistance work? Any family may apply for tuition assistance if they feel they may not be able to afford the full tuition rate at Grace. The main factors considered when determining the tuition amount a family will pay include income and the number of dependents. The goal is that each family is asked to pay what they can reasonably afford.

Applications are submitted directly to FACTS Management, a third party. FACTS evaluates the application and makes a recommendation to the school's tuition assistance committee. Using that recommendation, the committee determines the tuition assistance amount for each family. Families will be notified of the tuition level for which they qualify through an email from FACTS.

Should every new or returning Grace family apply for tuition assistance? No. Only families who feel that 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 for tuition assistance? A wide range of families with various circumstances qualify for the program, from those who can pay close to the full tuition to those who are able to pay a smaller percentage of the full tuition amount. Many factors are evaluated, including income, expenses, and the size of the family.

When do I need to complete the tuition assistance application? Is there a fee to apply? The deadline for applying is April 30. If you have applied for admission to Grace after this due date, a different deadline will be given by the Director of Enrollment. FACTS charges a small fee to apply, which is paid directly to FACTS at the time of application.

Do I need to complete my 2025 tax return before applying? Yes. You will need to submit your 2025 tax return during the application process.

How soon will I know the tuition amount for my family? You will receive notice in as little as 4 weeks after completing the application process. The first notices will be available towards the end of March.

What if I can't afford the determined amount? If you have a unique or special circumstance that affects your ability to pay the tuition assistance amount awarded, you may appeal the decision. A committee established by Grace will hear appeals and work with families to make final decisions.

Do I need to apply for tuition assistance every year? Yes. A new application must be submitted each year.

If I do not receive tuition assistance this year, can I apply next year? Yes. A family that chooses not to apply or does not receive a reduction this year is welcome to apply the following year.

Are some families awarded full tuition? No. Every family is required to make a financial investment in their child's education. Our commitment to providing tuition assistance means that we are sharing that investment with you.

For the 2026-27 school year, the minimum amount each family must pay is:

\$3,270 for 1 child

\$5,889 for 2 children

\$7,849 for 3 children

What is the tuition amount? For 2026-27, the full tuition amount is \$9,625 per student. The cost of education is higher than this. Money raised through fundraising (Annual Fund, A Graceful Evening, & Walk with Grace), as well as support from Grace Lutheran Church, will be used to keep tuition at a competitive level.

Does tuition assistance factor in multiple students attending Grace? Multiple students are one of the key factors in determining tuition assistance. One of the important questions asked on the confidential tuition assistance application relates to family size and the number of students enrolled at Grace.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS

1. Complete the tuition assistance application online through FACTS. Contact the Director of Enrollment and Marketing if you need the link.
2. Wait to receive a confirmation email from FACTS with your tuition assistance rate. This will take about 3-4 weeks.
3. Accept the tuition assistance rate or contact the school office with questions or concerns.