

Valley Christian Academy Financial Aid Program



Why does VCA offer Financial Aid?

We strongly feel that according to God's Word, all Christian children belong in an educational system where Jesus Christ is pre-eminent (Colossians 1:18) and where they are taught to love the Lord their God with all their heart (Deuteronomy 6:5-7). Because of this, VCA provides a financial aid program to help parents with the cost.

We understand the financial commitment that families make to secure a quality Christian education and we want to do everything we can to help those families who need assistance.

Will I qualify for financial aid?

Financial aid is awarded based on need and available funds. The Financial Aid Committee utilizes information that you submit as well as information from a third-party company (FACTS) to help establish what is needed by every family that applies.

How do I apply?

All financial aid awards are for all or part of one school year, which means each year, you must go through the process of requesting aid.

Is there a cost?

FACTS Grants & Aid, the third-party company that is utilized in establishing the financial need of each family that applies, charges a \$30 online processing fee.

How long will it take to go through the application process?

Once your part of the process is completed, submit it. When a decision is made by the Committee, you will be contacted by the Business Manager within a few short days. The greatest amount of wait time is between the **April 15 deadline** and the May awards.

Do I have to re-apply each year? Yes.

When is the deadline?

Most of the financial aid awards are given in May for the following fall. The application **deadline is April 15** of each year in order to be considered for the May award.

Realizing that families still enroll after April 15 and throughout the summer, financial aid can be applied for and be given at any time (if funds are still available).

How is the decision made as to how much I'll receive?

The Committee will review the reports from FACTS and other available information which establishes financial need and then a decision concerning amount will be awarded.

Is any multi-student assistance available?

For families who have 3 or more students attending VCA, we have a Multi-Student Assistance Application, which is available on our website and is an abbreviated version of the financial aid application.

Can I apply for both financial aid and Multi-Student Assistance?

No, because number of children is one of the factors considered in the financial aid process.

If I apply for Multi-Student Assistance and don't get it, can I still apply for financial aid?

Yes, but timing is very important and should be done as soon as possible.

What if I don't get enough assistance?

Though we do our best, based upon the information you supply, to meet your need, we recognize that sometimes it just isn't enough. If you find after receiving your award notice that you need to cancel your application prior to the start of the school year, your registration and other fees paid in advance, will be refunded.

How confidential is all of this information?

Only the Financial Aid Committee Chairperson and the Business Manager have access to the applications and raw financial information. It is then assembled into a format without the use of names so that fair and objective decisions can be made. Administration and Faculty are not aware of who receives financial aid.

How many students at VCA receive financial aid?

Last school year, (2016-2016, 29 families, representing 47 students received financial aid. That represents about 25% of VCA's student population.

What if my circumstances change?

If your financial need is reduced, you can let the Business Manager know that you will no longer need assistance. If you never applied for assistance or you need more, please contact the Business Manager right away!