



Dear Financial Aid Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Financial Aid for the **2017-2018 school year**. Please know that the VCA Board is aware of the challenges for some families concerning tuition costs. Our desire is to make VCA more affordable for all of our families who need help. We want our school population to reflect a broad economic range within the Christian community and we believe that the best approach to fulfilling this desire is to provide a Financial Aid Program.

We use the FACTS Grant & Aid service to help understand the extent of a family's financial need. We realize that filling out the enclosed paperwork will take time, energy, and prayer on your part, but we hope you will see it as an investment in your child's future. Be assured that we review each application with prayer for discernment and wisdom as we decide on financial aid awards. Your information will be kept strictly confidential.

To apply for financial aid, please download and complete:

- The Financial Aid Information Sheet (including your answers to the three questions and a copy of your 2016 IRS Tax Form)
- The FACTS Grant & Aid online application (see instructions on the Info Form)

Once your information is received, the Financial Aid Committee will consider all the information to help determine what will be awarded. In general, no returning family can receive more than 60% (new families 40%) of their tuition amount in assistance. In order to maintain confidentiality and remove bias, only the Chair of the Financial Aid Committee and the Business Manager know the names of the families. The Committee will make its decisions based on information for "Family A with two students," "Family B with three students," etc. The Business Manager will contact you with the amount of your award.

Given the current economic climate and the increase in families requiring financial aid, we find it necessary to implement specific guidelines in order to accommodate as many students as possible. The individual needs have increased dramatically, while our available funds have decreased. Therefore, for your best chance of awarded funds for the fall, **all paperwork should be complete and received by April 15, 2017.**

In addition to financial aid, you can lower your costs another way at VCA. While the school has already absorbed nearly 15% of the actual **\$7,000 per year** cost to educate each student, VCA has established the T.R.I.P. program (see the VCA Website) to help every family who chooses to participate. If you have ever purchased gift cards at Giant Eagle, you can easily use TRIP.

Thank you for applying for financial aid at VCA. If you have any questions or need clarification on forms or the process, please call me, I would welcome the chance to assist to you.

God bless your family,

Mr. Ted Meurer, Business Manager (ext. 311)
and the Financial Aid Committee, and Board of Trustees



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