

## **Bethel Scholarship/Financial Aid Program For School Year 2011-2012**

### **About the Program**

Bethel Christian School's scholarship/aid program provides a one-year grant of up to \$2,500 for new or returning students. Applications are evaluated using five criteria: academic achievement, character, church involvement, financial need, and number of years the family has enrolled students at Bethel. The scholarship committee may give greater emphasis for some factors or for special circumstances. Certain grade levels may also be targeted for filling openings. The applicant's family must be able to afford at least half the cost of tuition. The applicant may re-apply for the scholarship/aid in subsequent years. Students receiving the BCS staff discount are not eligible for this program.

### **How to Apply**

There are two parts to the application. The first step is to complete the BCS Scholarship Application provided below. An application fee of \$30 must be attached or paid at the school office. The application fee is waived for current BCS families. The application should be submitted to the office in a sealed envelope marked "scholarship committee – confidential".

The second step is to complete an online financial evaluation through FACTS Grant and Aid Services at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). The cost of the FACTS online application is \$20 to be paid by the applicant. Copies of tax returns must be faxed to FACTS at 866-315-9264. You may contact a FACTS representative at 866-315-9262 or [info@factstuitionaid.com](mailto:info@factstuitionaid.com). Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

### **When to Apply**

Applications are accepted throughout the school year until the grade is almost full. The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup> for the school year beginning in September. Applications submitted after July 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered for a start date after school has begun. Results will be mailed to the parent approximately 4 weeks after the application has been completed.

### **Notification**

An acknowledgement letter will be mailed to the applicant upon receipt of the application. After the scholarship committee has made its decision, parents will be notified by letter whether a scholarship was given or not given. Due to confidentiality reasons, the scholarship committee cannot discuss the reasons for its decision on any application.

### **Maintaining the Scholarship**

Upon receiving the scholarship, the student is responsible to maintain his/her academic standard of achievement and good conduct. A suspension or expulsion will result in the loss of the scholarship. The parents' tuition account must also be maintained current.

### **Contact**

Please contact the accounting manager at 661-943-2224 if you have any questions about the scholarship/aid program. If an applicant would like to contact the scholarship committee, he/she may bring a letter to the office addressed to the scholarship committee, and the letter will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Bethel Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, or national origin.

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## Financial Need

Please complete this budget worksheet to calculate the amount of financial assistance needed. Please also complete the financial assessment at the FACTS website at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). All information will be kept confidential.

	<u>Monthly Income</u>	
Monthly salary or wages – Father/Guardian	_____	
Payroll tax withholding	_____	
Health insurance deductions	_____	
Retirement contributions	_____	
Other payroll deductions	_____	
Net paycheck – Father/Guardian		_____
Monthly salary or wages – Mother/Guardian	_____	
Payroll tax withholding	_____	
Health insurance deductions	_____	
Retirement contributions	_____	
Other payroll deductions	_____	
Net paycheck – Mother/Guardian		_____
Self employment income or loss (divide annual amount by 12)		_____
Rental income/loss (divide annual amount by 12)		_____
Partnership income/loss (divide annual amount by 12)		_____
Other income (including nontaxable income)		_____
Interest and dividend income	_____	
Alimony and child support received	_____	
Disability income	_____	
Unemployment income	_____	
Social Security income	_____	
Retirement income	_____	
Tax refunds received (divide annual amount by 12)	_____	
Tuition assistance from family or friends	_____	
_____	_____	
Subtotal Other Income		_____
		_____
Total Monthly Income		_____

**Financial Need – Continued**

**Monthly**

Total monthly income from previous page \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Expenses

Housing

Rent or Mortgage \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Tax \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance \_\_\_\_\_  
Utilities: gas, electric, water, garbage \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone, cable, internet, cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Household supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Auto

Loan or lease payments \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance \_\_\_\_\_  
Gasoline \_\_\_\_\_  
Maintenance and repairs \_\_\_\_\_

Family

Food \_\_\_\_\_  
Clothing \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical expenses \_\_\_\_\_  
Child care expenses \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Fun

Christmas and other gifts (divide annual exp by 12) \_\_\_\_\_  
Recreation and entertainment (monthly average) \_\_\_\_\_  
Vacation (divide annual exp by 12) \_\_\_\_\_

Education

BCS monthly tuition (full amount before scholarship) \_\_\_\_\_  
BCS books and activities (divide annual exp by 12) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other education expenses \_\_\_\_\_  
College expenses \_\_\_\_\_

Loans and credit card debts

Credit card payments \_\_\_\_\_  
Home equity loan \_\_\_\_\_  
Other loans or debts \_\_\_\_\_

Charitable contributions

Church and other cash donations \_\_\_\_\_

Other expenses

Child support or alimony payments \_\_\_\_\_

Total monthly expenses \_\_\_\_\_

Total income minus total expenses = Monthly surplus or (deficit) \_\_\_\_\_

Annual surplus or (deficit) = Monthly surplus or (deficit) x 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition billing plan: (circle) 9 or 11 months

Monthly tuition assistance needed (annual need divided by 9 or 11) \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Academic Achievement**

1. Please attach a copy of the students' report card from the most recent semester.

Student Name	Overall GPA
A. _____	_____
B. _____	_____
C. _____	_____
D. _____	_____
E. _____	_____

2. Please list academic awards, honors, recognition and special achievements.

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list any extracurricular activities, athletics, clubs, etc.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_



## Church Involvement

Note: Church attendance is not a mandatory requirement of receiving the scholarship/aid.

1. How often does the student attend church? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of church \_\_\_\_\_

Address of church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Senior pastor: Name and phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Youth pastor: Name and phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday school teacher: Name and phone # \_\_\_\_\_

3. May we contact the student's pastor or Sunday school teacher to inquire about his or her church involvement? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many years has the student attended? \_\_\_\_\_

5. In what church activities does the student participate?

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6. In what church activities do the students' parents/guardian participate?

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