

Bethel Scholarship/Financial Aid Program For School Year 2010-2011

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. 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. 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 31st for the school year beginning in September. Applications submitted after July 31st 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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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. _____

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. 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 | | _____ |
| Other income (including nontaxable income) | | _____ |
| Interest and dividend income | _____ | |
| Alimony and child support | _____ | |
| Disability income | _____ | |
| Unemployment income | _____ | |
| Tuition assistance from family or friends | _____ | |
| Social security income | _____ | |
| Retirement income | _____ | |
| _____ | _____ | |
| 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 _____
- 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 _____

Loans and credit card debts

- Credit card payments _____
- Home equity loan _____
- Other loans or debts _____

Charitable contributions

- Church and other cash donations _____

Other expenses

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) _____

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?

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