



Mesquite Friendship Christian Academy

2014-2015 Academic Year

Qualified students who desire an education at Mesquite Friendship Christian Academy should not be turned away because they cannot pay full tuition. Therefore, we have established a tuition assistance program to help families in need. Tuition assistance is awarded strictly on the basis of need in a completely confidential process. MFCA does not award any athletic or academic merit scholarships. ***To be eligible for need-based financial aid, a student must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA.***

Frequently Asked Questions

How are my finances evaluated?

An analysis of the information supplied by the family is used to compute the amount the family should be able to contribute toward tuition. The analysis is the primary tool the Academy uses to determine the tuition assistance granted. The MFCA Tuition Assistance Committee acknowledges and considers each family's circumstances in its final assistance decision; however, the guiding principle of MFCA is the fair distribution of the limited tuition assistance funds available.

How are Admissions and Tuition Assistance related?

Admissions and the Tuition Assistance Program are completely separate. All new families must submit an application for admission prior to applying for tuition assistance. Current MFCA families must re-enroll to be eligible for tuition assistance. Candidates for tuition assistance are referred to the Tuition Assistance Coordinator who collects all pertinent forms, applications and fees.

Does application for tuition assistance affect admissions?

Admission decisions are based solely on a student's qualifications. The amount of tuition assistance awarded is based on a family's financial need, available funding and an evaluation of the student's academic and behavioral records.

How is Tuition Assistance funded?

Tuition assistance is funded through a number of sources: Annual Fund, the Annual Operating Budget, and other gifts and endowments. One of our Long Range Planning Goals is to aggressively build tuition assistance endowments.

Who should apply for Tuition Assistance?

If the cost of a MFCA education is beyond a family's financial means, it should apply for tuition assistance. Income may not preclude the possibility of assistance since other dependents, other tuition costs, considerable debt (excluding consumer debt), unusual medical expenses, or some other extraordinary financial burden are considerations. **The entire process is confidential.** Within the limits of available funds, MFCA education seeks to provide tuition assistance grants to all qualified students. The Academy's policy for determining the financial need of students is based on the principle that both parents are responsible for the support and educational expenses of their children to the extent they are financially able to fulfill that responsibility.



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What if I am already at the Academy, but have never applied for assistance?

MFCA accepts tuition assistance applications from returning families who have not received tuition assistance in the past on the same basis as any other family requesting tuition assistance. The same deadlines apply to returning students.

If I currently receive tuition assistance, do I have to apply again?

Yes. A family must make application for assistance each year and complete a new Parent's Financial Statement. Any student currently receiving need-based assistance may reapply as long as all current financial obligations to the school have been met. **While a family must reapply for tuition assistance each year, they may reasonably expect to receive some assistance if a grant was given the prior year and if the family's financial circumstances are relatively similar to those of the prior year.**

Who has access to my financial information?

MFCA is committed to protecting the privacy of its families. All information received by the Tuition Assistance Coordinator is held in the strictest confidence.

What is the Tuition Assistance Committee?

The MFCA Tuition Assistance Committee strives to establish uniform criteria for evaluating parental ability to pay the total educational expenses of the student. The ultimate responsibility for determining the amount of the grant offered for tuition assistance rests with the Tuition Assistance Committee.

How and when should I apply?

You must provide the Tuition Assistance Coordinator with a copy of your most recently completed Federal Income Tax form with copies of the W-2's, Form 4506-Request for Copy of Tax Return, Tuition Assistance Agreement along with the proper cover form.