

HCA Scholarship Program



Highland Christian Academy has partnered with FACTS Management Company to do our financial aid assessment. FACTS is used by many schools locally and over 4000 schools nationally. It is our hope that qualifying students at HCA will be able to get the financial assistance they need.

All families registered at HCA have the option of applying for financial assistance through the FACTS Grant and Aid Assistance program. This is a process that evaluates your family's financial situation and then awards scholarships for students that qualify. The Highland Christian Academy School Board will take the information they receive from FACTS and look at class sizes to best determine the scholarship awards. **To apply**, enroll your child at HCA and then go to www.factsmgt.com and fill out the FACTS Grant and Aid Assistance information (a booklet is available from the HCA office for those who would prefer not to apply online). The Highland Christian Academy School Board will begin making awards in the month of June. **You must submit your request for financial aid with FACTS by May 15, 2010 in order to qualify for a scholarship in 2010-2011.** Applications received after that date will be considered late and may or may not be processed at the discretion of the HCA school board.

QUICK GUIDE FOR STUDENTS SEEKING A SCHOLARSHIP:

- ◆ Register at HCA by filling out the *Quick Registration Form* and pay all registration fees
- ◆ You will receive an invoice for curriculum fees to be paid before **June 1, 2010**
- ◆ Request a scholarship by enrolling in the FACTS Grant and Aid Assistance program before **May 15, 2010**
- ◆ Complete all Enrollment Forms for your student(s)

We have provided answers to some of the most common questions about our scholarship program below. If you have more questions, please contact the school office.

HCA Scholarship Programs Q&A

Q. Who is eligible for HCA Financial Aid?

A. All families with children registered at HCA are eligible to apply for Financial Aid, but not all families will qualify.

Q. How much Financial Aid can I receive?

A. Scholarships will be awarded ranging from 10% up to a maximum of 50% of Tuition (Full registration and curriculum fees still apply).

Q. How do we know if we qualify for Financial Aid? What are the criteria for deciding who gets scholarships and how much they will get?

A. The Financial Aid program at HCA is designed to assist eligible families, that despite a willingness to sacrifice and make it a priority, might feel they are not able to pay the tuition and fees for a private Christian education. There are many factors that will go into the decision of who will be offered Financial Aid and how much they will be offered. Among the key factors are:

- Amount of Family Income
- Amount of "Discretionary" Income
- Ability for the family to pay the remaining tuition and fees once scholarship is applied
- Amount of aid available
- Classroom space available

Q. How do we apply for HCA Financial Aid?

A. HCA has partnered with a company called FACTS Management Company to collect and assess the application information. You have the choice of applying using a paper Financial Assessment application or by going online at www.factsmtg.com and completing a Financial Assessment application. There will be a \$25.00 fee (Payable to FACTS Management Company) for applying through either method.

Q. Is the information that we provide secure and confidential?

A. FACTS Management Company provides Financial Aid services for thousands of private schools and their families across the country. All information and documentation collected by FACTS is held in the strictest confidence and privacy.

Q. What is the process for deciding if we qualify for aid and how much?

A. FACTS will provide an assessment report to the HCA administration of all of the applicants, with recommendations for financial aid based on need. The School Board will then evaluate those recommendations against available space and dollars, and award scholarships.

Q. When will we find out if we qualify for aid and how much?

A. Financial Aid Applications for students enrolled at HCA are due by May 15, 2010. You will be notified no later than June 30th regarding the awarded scholarship. Applications received after that date will be considered late and may or may not be processed at the discretion of the HCA school board.

Q. If we do not qualify for (sufficient) Financial Aid and it is not financially feasible for us to send our child to HCA, do we get a refund of our registration fees?

A. Yes! HCA administration recognizes that sending your child to a private Christian school is a major financial commitment. If you have applied for Financial Aid through FACTS and do not qualify or the scholarship is insufficient for your family to make that commitment, your school registration will be refunded if requested within 15 days of the announcement of the scholarship awards.