

ATTENTION!

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION!

CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR

Families who are intending to enroll and apply for financial aid for the **current 2011-2012 school year**, should send a message of inquiry to one of the following e-mail addresses.

GRACE – gcsfinancialaid@gmail.com CASCADE – cchsfinancialaid@gmail.com

The Financial Aid Committee's reply to your e-mail will contain:

- The necessary forms for your financial aid application process.
- Instructions for completing the application process.
- These addresses will also be your contact point for questions or for assistance with your application.

Please be advised that financial aid awards of **up to 50% of tuition costs** are based on a family's **assessed need** and the **availability of financial aid funds** at this point in the school year. Financial aid is typically awarded only to students in **First Grade and older**.

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

The FACTS Financial Aid letter found **below** pertains to any family applying for financial aid for the **upcoming school year** beginning in **September of 2012**.

FACTS will not process applications until all supporting documents, including 2011 tax returns and copies of W-2 forms, have been submitted.

Our Financial Aid Committee will begin evaluating FACTS award recommendations in the spring of 2012.



January, 2012

Dear Financial Aid Applicant,

In order to be better stewards of our staff and volunteer board member time, as well as precious school resources, Grace Christian Schools is using FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to conduct the financial needs analysis for the upcoming school year. Families applying for financial aid may do so in one of two ways: 1) From the Grace or Cascade websites, use the link to www.factstuitionaid.com to apply online; 2) Pick up an application from either school office and mail it directly to FACTS Management Company. Supporting documentation must be mailed or faxed directly to FACTS. The website link and paper applications are available beginning March 1, 2012.

FACTS charges a \$25.00 processing fee per family (not per student) application for their needs analysis service. This represents the cost of their service and is paid entirely to FACTS. Grace Christian Schools makes no profit on this service.

FACTS is a well-established company, recognized and endorsed by ACSI, serving nearly 5,000 private and faith-based schools nationwide. They are diligent to provide confidentiality and close security for all sensitive customer information.

Though information gathering and needs analysis are performed by FACTS, *final award decisions are at the discretion of Grace Christian Schools*. FACTS will make its recommendations based upon their many years of experience and service to thousands of schools, while recognizing that parent-school relationships are also a factor in this process.

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment provides a self-addressed envelope for you to mail the following information:

- Signed and completed paper application (unless done online)
- Payment of the \$25.00 processing fee
- Copies of supporting documentation (tax forms, W-2's, etc.)
- Financial Peace University "diploma", if applicable

If you have any questions about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-315-9262. Customer Service hours are M-Th. 8:00am-5:00pmPST and until 3:00pm on Fridays.

Before applying, please be aware that:

- Financial Aid of **up to 50% tuition cost** is typically awarded only to students in **First Grade and older**.
- A Middle School family's ability to participate in the **Washington D.C. trip** will reduce their perceived need for financial tuition assistance from the school. Please communicate with the school in writing if there is a special circumstance related to your student's participation (i.e., grandparents are funding the trip; student is working to earn their own way, etc.).

Next year's Fee Schedule will be published in April, and the "**SOFT DEADLINE**" for financial aid applications is **March 30**. Though applications may be submitted after this date, confirmation of financial aid awards before the **May 4 Registration Fee** due date cannot be assured for applications received after the March 30 deadline.

Sincerely,

The Administration of

Grace Christian Schools