

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD/FREMONT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL POLICIES

SECTION: 300 Education

SERIES NUMBER: 314.0 S

DATE ADOPTED: March 28, 1983 **TITLE:** Financial Aid - Description

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Fremont Christian School offers a diversity of financial aid opportunities. Student financial aid may be funded by solicited and unsolicited donations, as well as the operating budget. Financial aid may be granted by the School Board to qualified recipients using the procedures described for each financial aid policy.

Fremont Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to all students in the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, administration policies, financial aid, or in any other school administered program. To do so would be in violation of Christian principles as set forth in God's Word, the Bible.

The school board endeavors to set aside 8-10% of its general operating budget for financial aid to families.

The following types of Financial Aid are described herein:

- Financial Aid –Donations (314.1)
- Widows Financial Aid (314.2)
- General Student Financial Aid (314. 3)
- Ministers Financial Aid (314.4)
- Space Available Financial Aid (314.5)

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR ALL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

1. Students in grades K-12 shall not have advanced past Level I behavior probation.
2. Students in grades 4-12 shall have and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better with no Fs.

GENERAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Applicants shall request the necessary forms from the Financial Aid Office. (FAO)
2. Depending on the type of financial aid being applied for, applicants shall submit each required information item as indicated by the FAO.
3. Applications for Widows Aid and General Student Financial Aid shall be submitted by the parents to Private School Aid Services (PSAS), or other designated agency determined by the school administration, along with supporting documents and fees. This information shall be used to determine FCS AGI
4. Except for designated gifts, applicants may not receive more than one type of financial aid.
5. The FAO shall notify each applicant regarding the disposition of their request.
6. Denials of aid by the FAO may be appealed to the FCS Board in writing through the Superintendent's Office.

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TITLE: Financial Aid - Donations

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MONEY DONATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCIAL AID, WHETHER GIVEN GENERALLY OR ON BEHALF OF A NAMED INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT BE REFUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR ANY REASON.

GENERAL DONATIONS

Undesignated donations for financial aid shall be made available to those applying for general financial aid according to the procedures set forth for the dispersal of General Financial Aid.

DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Donors may contribute monies on behalf of a particular student or students of FCS. In order to receive tax credit as a charitable donation the recipient shall be at least one step removed from the immediate family. The donor may be a grandparent, relative, or third party, but not the parent.
2. To qualify a student as a designated financial aid recipient, the donor shall submit a completed Designated Financial Aid Application to the Financial Aid Office for review and approval by the FCS Board.
3. Recipients of Designated Financial Aid shall require approval by the FCS Board in order for the donor to receive credit for a charitable deduction for income tax purposes.
4. The amount of designated financial aid shall be dependent upon the contributions made by the donor on behalf of the recipient.
5. The Financial Aid Office shall notify each applicant in writing of the decision on the application.

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TITLE: Financial Aid- Widows and Widowers

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Harbor Light and Fremont Christian School recognize the special circumstances of those families who have lost a parent due to death. In keeping with the spirit of the scriptures the following aid is considered for the child of a parent in our fellowship who has lost their spouse because of death. Acts 6:1, James 1:27

A. Widow or Widower Aid – Widow or Widower is defined as one who has lost their spouse due to death and has remained unmarried. Applicants shall:

1. Meet the General Qualifications for financial aid.
2. Be a member in good standing of Harbor Light Church or a current employee.
3. Submit the application and financial statement and be approved by the FCS board annually.

B. General Qualifications: All Financial Aid Recipients shall qualify as follows:

1. Parent shall be supportive of the philosophy of Christian school education and policies of the school.
2. Qualifying family shall have an FCS Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) no higher than \$50,000 per year. (Note: FCS AGI takes into account extenuating circumstances such as single head of household, loss of job, medical expenses, etc.)
3. Income not fully reported or false reporting of expenses will automatically disqualify applicant from receiving financial aid and jeopardize all future requests.
4. International (I-20) students do not qualify for financial aid.
5. All required forms shall be completed.

C. Procedures

1. Receive an application for Financial Aid from the Financial Aid Office (FAO).
2. Send completed application along with required documentation before the deadline (May 10, beginning in the year 2010.) The application, fee, and documents shall be sent by the parent directly to Private School Aid Services (PSAS), or other agency designated by the FAO, which will collect and verify data, and send a summary report to the school.
3. All applications are subject to pastoral review for approval.
4. The FAO shall notify applicants by mail of the board decision in June.

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TITLE: Financial Aid - General

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- A. General Student Financial Aid** - Families seeking general financial aid shall meet the general qualifications and demonstrate exceptional need for aid. Available aid monies shall be distributed to families, ranked according to need, taking into account the amount requested, annual income, number of children, longevity in Fremont Christian School and other special circumstances as applicants may indicate on the financial aid application.
- B. General Qualifications:** All Financial Aid recipients shall qualify as follows:
1. Parents and students must be supportive of the philosophy of Christian school education and the policies of the school.
 2. Qualifying family shall have an FCS Adjusted Gross Income less than \$50,000 per year. (Note: FCS AGI takes into account extenuating circumstances such as single head of household, loss of job, medical expenses, etc.)
 3. Family should be consistent in paying school accounts on time.
 4. Demonstrate the ability to pay the adjusted tuition rate.
 5. Income not fully reported or false reporting of expenses shall automatically disqualify applicant from receiving financial aid and jeopardize all future requests.
 6. International (I-20) students do not qualify for financial aid.
- C. Procedures**
1. Applicants shall request application from the Financial Aid Office.
 2. Send completed application along with required documentation before the deadline. The application, fee, and documents shall be sent by the parent directly to Private School Aid Services (PSAS), or other agency designated by the FAO, which will collect and verify data, and send a summary report to the school.
 3. Upon receipt of the report the FAO will review the summary report, verify information, rank, and award available aid accordingly.
 4. Applicants will receive written notice of awards around the middle of June.
 5. Requests for financial aid shall be renewed and submitted annually.
- D. Awards**
- The amount of financial aid awarded shall be determined by the Financial Aid Office and is dependent on budgetary allotments and constraints, or other extenuating circumstances. The FAO will prioritize recipients based upon the PSAS report and takes into account longevity, tuition rates, Harbor Light membership, family size, single head of household, and previous payment record.

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Ministers Discount

A. Discount – A 50% tuition discount is given to qualified full-time Christian Ministers who meet the following criterion:

1. Be full time ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Hold ministerial credentials with an evangelical protestant denomination.
3. Meet IRS rulings concerning ministerial status and file as such.
4. Actively promote Fremont Christian School to congregations or constituency,
5. Provide access for promotion of the school by FCS staff
6. Be supportive of the philosophy of Christian school education and policies of the school.
7. International (I-20) students do not qualify for financial aid.

B. Procedures

1. Applicant shall submit the APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL FINANCIAL AID.
2. The application will be reviewed and verified by the Financial Aid Office and submitted for approval at the next regular meeting of the FCS Board.
3. Applicant shall receive notification by mail regarding the status of the application.
4. Applicants shall submit an annual affidavit verifying ministerial status and noting any changes.

C. Note: Discount is for tuition only. All other fees shall be paid in full.

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A. Space Available Financial Aid – A student may be admitted after the start of the school year under this financial aid program providing that space is available in the grade or class in which the student is enrolling. This aid is provided only once and may not be renewed. To qualify the applicant shall:

1. Be supportive of the philosophy of Christian school education and the policies of the school.
2. Provide a financial statement which shows priority to the spiritual and academic needs and responsibilities of the family.
3. Be a first year, new enrollee to Fremont Christian School.
4. International (1-20) students do not qualify for financial aid.

B. Procedures

1. Request application from the Financial Aid Office.
2. Complete an Income and Expense statement available from the FAO.
3. Submit Income and Expense statement along with a copy of the most recent IRS tax filing.
4. Upon receipt of all documents the FAO will review the documents and submit the request for financial aid to the FCS Board.
5. The FAO will notify the applicant of the FCS Board decision within the week.
6. Space available financial aid will not be granted until after the start of the regular school year and is not renewable.