# Jackson Christian School Financial Aid Guidelines and Policies

# **Non-Discrimination**

JCS admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid, athletic and other school-administered programs.

# **Criteria for Consideration**

Financial Aid is based primarily on need.

Applications for Financial Aid are available to families who have completed an enrollment application and interview and have been accepted for enrollment in JCS. Families will not be considered until they are accepted or re-enrolled.

Financial Aid is available for tuition only. All other fees must be paid by the due dates as stated in the JCS enrollment information.

# **Applications and Deadlines**

All families seeking financial aid must complete the online Financial Aid Application at <a href="https://www.online.factsmgt.com">www.online.factsmgt.com</a>. To ensure confidentiality **FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment**, a third party, conducts financial need analysis for JCS. The Financial Aid Committee uses the analysis provided by FACTS to determine awards. Families must complete the application and provide the support documentation to **FACTS Grant and Aid** before they will be considered. There is no charge to apply. If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-315-9262.

The following information is required in order for FACTS to process your application:

- 1. Signed and completed online application.
- 2. Copies of your 2017 tax return including all schedules.
- 3. Copies of your 2017 W-2's for both you and your spouse.
- 4. Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Worker's Compensation, and TANF.

Remember that Financial Aid applications will not be considered until a student is accepted for enrollment or student is re-enrolled for the new school year.

#### The Final Step

Once all documentation has been sent to FACTS Grant and Aid, each family must complete the <u>Commitment to Christian Education Form</u>. Once you have completed this form place it in a sealed envelope, marked "confidential," attention Financial Aid Committee and mail or deliver to either school office.

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#### Financial Aid Notification

The following time schedule applies to financial aid awards:

If <u>all</u> application documentation is completed by:	You will receive financial aid notification:
March 1, 2018	No later than April 15, 2018
April 1, 2018	No later than May 15, 2018
May 1, 2018	No later than June 15, 2018

#### **Guidelines**

- 1. The decision to award any Financial Aid rests with the JCS Financial Aid Committee and is based on the information you submit to FACTS Grant & Aid and your Commitment to Christian Education questionnaire.
- 2. Families must apply for Financial Aid each school year.
- 3. Financial Aid does not cover the entire cost of tuition. All aid is to provide partial assistance.

#### T.R.I.P.

Did you know that you could earn hundreds of dollars towards your tuition? All JCS families are encouraged to participate in the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program. Families, who consistently use TRIP, have reduced their tuition bill from a \$200 - \$2,000 per year depending on personal effort. TRIP enrollment packets can be obtained from either school office. Every family is urged to participate.

# **Small Group Meetings**

Host a small group school meeting in your home and we will waive your enrollment fee. JCS parents have always been the best source of information and encouragement to families who are considering Christian education for their children. Most new families tell us that they became interested in JCS because of the testimony and influence of a school family.

To thank you and encourage our school family to help us grow we have created an opportunity for you to share the school, in your home, with those who may be interested in learning more. We will come to your home, provide a brief presentation, and answer questions about the school. To thank you for hosting a qualifying meeting we will credit your account in the amount of the re-enrollment fee.

## WHAT IS A QUALIFYING MEETING?

- Host <u>at least two</u> interested families
- Resulting in at least one new student enrolling in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- We will credit your account in the amount of the re-enrollment fee and the referral credit of \$200.00 per student

If you are interested, arrangements may be coordinated by contacting Janet Sanford at 783-2658 or e-mail at jsanford@jacksonchristianschool.org.