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Tuition Assistance - Frequently Asked Questions

MJCA desires to partner with families of all economic levels who value quality Christian education. Realizing that private education is a major financial commitment, we attempt to share a portion (not all) of the cost of tuition with those families of students in grades K-12 who might not otherwise be able to share in this ministry. Below are some frequently asked questions about the Tuition Assistance Program at MJCA.

Where does MJCA get funds for tuition assistance?

MJCA allocates a portion of its annual tuition income to assist families with documented financial need. Also, MJCA families and friends of MJCA make contributions to help fund the tuition assistance program.

How do families apply for tuition assistance and what information is required?

Our tuition assistance program is administered through the use of a confidential third party assessment firm called FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Services of Lincoln, Nebraska. FACTS is the nation's largest provider of assessment services supporting colleges and private schools across the country. Applicant families submit financial information to FACTS via an on-line application along with copies of prior year's tax documents. FACTS then performs a detailed analysis of the information and provides MJCA with a recommended level of tuition assistance.

How is tuition assistance allocated to applicant families?

Tuition assistance is allocated based on the level of need as documented by each family's FACTS assessment. This means that some families may receive a greater allocation than others. It is common for families to qualify for more assistance than MJCA is able to provide. As a result, MJCA allocates its limited funds in such a way as to provide a meaningful level of assistance to as many families as funds will allow.

If a family is not sure whether they qualify for tuition assistance, can they discuss their financial status prior to enrolling?

Yes, parents can meet with the Business Office staff to get general information about the prospects of receiving tuition assistance based on their financial status. However, no firm commitment can be given until the family completes the FACTS assessment process.

When can families apply for tuition assistance and how long does it take to find out the amount of tuition assistance, if any, that a family is to receive?

The FACTS application may be submitted beginning in January. Since your tax information is required, you will need to have completed your previous year's tax return in order for the assessment to be completed. Instructions for submitting information to FACTS are on the back of this page. The FACTS assessment process typically takes 2-3 weeks. Once MJCA receives the assessment results from FACTS, an Acceptance Letter will be sent to the applicant family documenting the amount of tuition assistance they will receive and the net amount of tuition to be paid by the family. Families will have 10 business days to decide if the level of tuition assistance will be sufficient and return the signed letter of acceptance to the Business Office. Offers of tuition assistance which are not accepted by the end of the 10 day period will be reallocated to other families.

If my child participates in athletics, is my family eligible to apply?

Yes. MJCA is a member of TSSAA – Division II which gives parents of student-athletes the same access to tuition assistance as all other parents.

Who do I contact for more information about tuition assistance?

You are invited to call or visit our Business Office staff members, Amy Green or Terry Carver any time to discuss your questions and receive additional information.