



2022/2023 Financial Aid Information

The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA) provides financial resources for children in need to obtain Lutheran Christian education in metro St. Louis Area. We promote and advocate efforts to improve the sustainability and quality of Lutheran Christian Schools.

Timeline for the 2022/2023 Financial Aid Process:

January 2022: Applications will be available to submit online beginning January 1 on the FACTS website:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/ga/aid/inst/4FG82>.

April 10, 2022: All applications to be considered for awards must be completed by **April 10** at midnight.

May 31, 2022: Schools and families will be notified via email of award determinations from LESA.

June, 2022: Financial Aid provided by LESA will be reviewed by the ILS School Board to discern any additional Financial Aid needed, pending availability of designated funds.

July, 2022: If there are additional funds, additional financial aid will be awarded to families who applied and were placed on the waitlist.

Withdrawn Students: Financial Aid is for families whose intention is to enroll their child in our school. Therefore, if a student is not re-enrolled and the \$25 re-enrollment fee has not been paid, the student is ineligible to receive financial aid. We notify LESA of any student with an award who withdraws from our school. This award gets redirected by LESA to a student on the waiting list who may be waiting for funding to determine if they can attend our school.

Documents Required to Complete the FACTS Application

- Federal tax return (Form 1040) from most recent tax year
- W-2's from most recent tax year received by all Parents/Guardians listed on application
- All documentation that establishes sources and amount of other monthly or yearly income received (i.e. welfare, food stamps, unemployment, child support, alimony, workers compensation)
- All business tax documents (Schedule 1, Schedule C, etc.)
- All corporate, partnership, and trust tax forms, if a Parent/Guardian owns interest in a corporation or partnership or if any member of the household owns interest in a trust
- Other documentation (recent household bills, daycare expenses, etc.) may be required

What if I have a question or an issue with the application online?

The FACTS support team is available from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM central time at 1.866.412.4637 to answer your questions regarding the FACTS application and School Comment Form.

Types of Financial Aid Available

Immanuel Lutheran Church (ILC) Aid *(Preschool - Grade 8)*

Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Light of Christ Chinese Mission, or a sister LCMS Congregation can submit a Membership Verification Form to receive a lower total tuition cost. This is not a discount because the difference in tuition is covered by Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA) Scholarships *(Kindergarten - Grade 8)*

Each year, LESA raises money to fund scholarships for students attending Lutheran schools across St. Louis. As a member of LESA, our students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 are eligible to apply through FACTs to receive a scholarship. After ILC Aid, this is our largest form of Financial Aid for our students.

ILS School Board

Sometimes our school is gifted money from generous donors that is allocated towards helping with the tuition of families in need. Families who filled out the FACTs financial aid application can be reviewed on a case by case basis as funding is made available.

Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) Scholarship

The Adopt a Student Ministry is not just a scholarship program, This successful scholarship ministry has been in operation, with support from the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis, for eight years helping children new to America receive a Lutheran education. To learn more about CFNA and the help and hope they provide for people new to America, you can visit their website at <http://www.cfna-stl.org/> To qualify for this scholarship, a student needs to fulfill the following pre-qualifications:

- *born outside of the United States*
- *enrolled in Grade 1 or above*

If you think your child may qualify, please email your questions to our Admissions Director at dglenn@ilsolivette.org

Widows and Single Mothers' Financial Aid Grant

Immanuel Lutheran Church has been blessed with the ability to provide financial aid from a special grant for single mothers. Due to the way this grant has been set up, the following stipulations are in place in order to qualify:

- must be a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church
- must be a woman
- must be widowed or unmarried

What if I am eligible for Financial Aid from a different organization outside of the ones listed above?

If you have found an organization or are a part of a church that would like to help you with your child(ren)'s tuition, we are happy to connect with this third party to arrange their payment towards your total tuition. If this is your situation, please contact our Business Administrator, Connie Baur cbaur@immanuelolivette.org.