

Variable Tuition



Affordable Christian Education

Variable Tuition is a need-based, sliding scale tuition assistance program similar to those used by many private schools, colleges, and universities. The purpose of this program is to make Grace Christian Academy's education accessible to more families by providing a reduced tuition cost that is appropriate for each family's specific financial situation. Our goal is to fill empty seats with mission-appropriate students who will enhance the school experience for all students.

How It Works

Grace Christian Academy encourages families in *grades kindergarten to twelfth* to visit FACTS* if they have monetary concerns about their student(s) attending our school. Any family in need of assistance may apply for Variable Tuition each year through GCA's FACTS tuition payment program. This is not a loan, but a discount in your tuition payments.

As a confidential third party service, FACTS evaluates the application and makes a recommendation to the school's Variable Tuition team. Families are then notified of the tuition level for which they qualify. *Participating families are required to reapply every year.*

How to Start

The Variable Tuition application is available through our graceknights.org website beginning February 1. You will need your previous year's income taxes completed in order to apply. The online school application must be submitted by all applicants in order to be considered for Variable Tuition. The process can take three weeks to complete.

New Students:

- **Fill out a GCA application + pay the GCA application fee** (\$50, non-refundable) **+ pay the FACTS application fee** (\$30). Upon acceptance the registration fee balance is \$200.
- **Create a new FACTS account + complete an online FACTS application for variable tuition**
- **Submit all required documentation to FACTS** along with the previous year's income tax return

Returning Students:

- **Open Renweb portal + complete the re-enrollment process + pay GCA re-enrollment fee** (\$250)
- **Log in to existing FACTS account**
- **Submit all required documentation to FACTS** including the previous year's income tax return

* Go to graceknights.org and follow the links to: *Admissions | Tuition and Fees | Apply Online for Variable Tuition*. Direct Link - <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3Q418>

GCA Variable Tuition FAQs

Think you can't afford a quality Christian education? Think again. Grace Christian Academy proudly offers Variable Tuition. Tuition at Grace Christian is not a “one-size-fits-all.” It’s a range to match your family’s unique financial situation.

General FAQs

What is Variable Tuition? Variable Tuition is a need-based tuition assistance program similar to those used by many private schools, colleges, and universities. This program allows families to apply for reduced tuition that is right for their family’s financial situation. Thus, this makes Christian education affordable to many qualified students who could not otherwise join our school community.

How does Variable Tuition work? Any family (current or new) of a *kindergarten through twelfth grade* student may apply for Variable Tuition if they are concerned about affording the full tuition rate at Grace Christian Academy and they think they may qualify for the program. It is not possible for a family or the school to estimate the tuition level for which a family qualifies without the completion of a Variable Tuition application. Many factors are considered when determining the tuition amount a family is able to pay, including income, assets, unusual expenses, and the size of the family.

An application for Variable Tuition does not affect the re-enrollment or admission process. Regardless of financial need, parents should initiate the re-enrollment or admission process as early as possible. GCA can consider Variable Tuition rates *only after a family has applied for re-enrollment or admission* to the school.

Applications are submitted directly to FACTS, a third-party agency. FACTS evaluates the application and makes a recommendation to the school’s Variable Tuition committee. Families are notified of the tuition level for which they qualify from the school’s financial office.

Upon completion of my Variable Tuition application, when will I receive confirmation of my Variable Tuition? Typically within three weeks of providing all required information to our confidential third party service.

FAQs for Prospective Parents

Should every new Grace Christian Academy family submit an application for Variable Tuition? No. Only families who feel that they are not able to pay the standard tuition should submit an application.

If I do not qualify for the program this year, can I apply again next year? Yes. A family that does not qualify is welcome to reapply the following year.

Do I need to apply for admission separately from applying for Variable Tuition? Yes. For new students, application to Grace Christian Academy and application for Variable Tuition are two separate processes.

Will applying for Variable Tuition hurt my student’s chance of being admitted to the school? No. Admission applications and Variable Tuition applications are evaluated separately, and an application for Variable Tuition has no bearing on the admission process.

Are some families awarded full tuition? No. Every family is required to make a financial investment in their child’s education. No family will receive Variable Tuition that is less than half our standard tuition.

Will Variable Tuition lead to larger classes? No. The Grace Christian Academy has established maximum class sizes. Within those limits, we will continue to accept qualified, mission-appropriate students.

Whom should I contact with questions about Variable Tuition? Questions should be directed to:

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