



River's Edge CA Tuition Assistance Program

The River's Edge Christian Academy Board would like to make available tuition assistance to families with demonstrated need as God prospers River's Edge CA in that endeavor. It is the heart of River's Edge CA that the Christian education that we provide be available to all regardless of their financial condition. We believe that when families correctly place their priorities in order and seek the Lord, He will provide a way. We hope to be one of those instruments of His blessing through this program of tuition assistance.

River's Edge CA Tuition Assistance Policy

- I. The River's Edge CA Board is responsible for establishing and administering the tuition assistance program and will have final authority in all decisions.
- II. As the tuition assistance program seeks to aid those in need, it is also understood that families receiving such aid should exercise wise fiscal practices and make reasonable sacrifices in shouldering their part of the burden as well.
- III. A separate fund will be established to account for all tuition assistance receipts and disbursements. Receipts may be in the form of unrestricted gifts for tuition assistance, income from investments, special projects or other funds or resources designated by the River's Edge CA Board. Disbursements will be made monthly to the general fund and credited in the name or names of those receiving tuition assistance.
- IV. Applications pertain to tuition only. Fees and supplies are not included. Tuition assistance shall apply at the beginning of the school term and any assistance given will be for a maximum of one school year. Re-application may be made for subsequent years as needs dictate. Application for returning families should be submitted before Open Registration in order to have the first priority consideration for scholarship funds. Applications for new families may be submitted at the time of initial registration.
- V. Applications must be completed online through FAST, a third-party organization established to objectively assess a family's financial need. Incomplete applications will not be considered. When applicable, requested documentation such as tax returns and pay stubs must be submitted to FAST in order to attest to the accuracy of all information submitted. Applications containing misleading or inaccurate information will be disapproved, or participants will be withdrawn from the program once such facts are known.

- VI. Applications for tuition assistance will be considered in the following order:
 - a. From families previously approved and currently receiving assistance
 - b. From families presently in the school but not presently receiving assistance
 - c. From new families who have recently enrolled or those seeking to affiliate with River's Edge CA
- VII. Applicants must submit an application online through FAST, at www.ismfast.com and will be required to pay a fee of \$35 directly to FAST for processing the application. Based upon the recommendations of FAST, approved applicants may receive up to a maximum of 50% of tuition assistance. The River's Edge CA Board will be the final arbiters of all decisions, which will be made upon FAST's recommendations, the number of qualified applicants, and the availability of funds.
- VIII. All applications and information will be treated with complete confidentiality, and only members of the River's Edge CA Board and Administrative Staff will have access to this information.
- IX. Approved families are encouraged to consider volunteer service at River's Edge CA above and beyond duties required of other parents in the school. Families will be advised of ways that they can assist in the school program. Every effort will be made to match abilities with needs.
- X. All applicants, whether approved or denied tuition assistance, shall be informed by the school administration as quickly as possible following disposition by the River's Edge CA Board.
- XI. When circumstances of need change during the school year, it is incumbent upon a recipient of tuition assistance to advise the school of such change.
- XII. Families receiving tuition assistance of any kind will not be eligible for any additional tuition discounts except for the sibling discount. Any fully completed tuition assistance application that is submitted and approved after July 1 becomes effective the month following approval.
- XIII. River's Edge CA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its Tuition Assistance Program.