

Financial Assistance Opportunities at Pella Christian High School

Are you concerned about paying tuition? **We can help!**

Paying tuition is the number one concern for most parents who are considering Christian education. We estimate that 70% of parents utilize at least one of the following ways available (other than the Endowment award) to help lower the cost of tuition.

Legacy of Grace Scholarship Tuition Organization (LOG-STO)

What is this? - Families are eligible for assistance through this state funded tax credit program if their income as shown on line 22 of their IRS Form 1040 for the 2017 tax year (line 15 of Form 1040A) is not more than three times the poverty rate (based on the size of their family). Below is a chart that shows qualifying level for families of two through seven members.

***STO Qualifying Levels 2018-2019**

Family Size	*Maximum Income	**Family Size	***Maximum Income
Two	\$49,380	Five	\$88,260
Three	\$62,340	Six	\$101,220
Four	\$75,300	Seven	\$114,180

* STO qualifying levels are based upon 300% of 2018 Federal Poverty Levels as required by Iowa law.

**Family size includes parent(s)/guardian(s) plus total number of dependents claimed on 2017 tax return.

*** For each additional dependent add \$12,960.

How do we apply? - Families apply by filling out the STO application form on-line at www.logsto.org/application-info.cfm and submitting a copy of page 1 of their 2017 tax return to a third-party organization who verifies the eligibility and informs the school. Please call the school office if assistance is needed in filling out this form. Deadline for application is April 30, 2018 (late filers are awarded funds if there are funds still available).

What is the amount of the scholarship? - This depends on the individual family's needs. Eligible families are assigned a "point value" based on their income levels and the school uses that point level to determine the amount of the award. The more demonstrated need, the higher the point value, the bigger the award.

Tuition Assistance Fund

What is this? - Families who are in need of additional assistance to pay their tuition obligation are eligible to apply for assistance through this fund. Application for these funds takes place in April with the awards being made during the summer. However, families are welcome to apply for financial support at anytime throughout the year as we are aware of circumstances that can arise at anytime that might create a financial need.

How do we apply? - Application for tuition assistance is made through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Go to <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3Z9Q6> to fill out the application and attach all the supporting documentation needed. There is a nonrefundable application fee of \$30 to apply. Priority deadline is April 30, 2018. For questions about or assistance with this form, please contact the school office.

What is the amount of the scholarship? – The finance committee reviews the application and financial information and makes the determination of the award.

N.I.C.E Program (New Incentive to Christian Education)

What is this? This program offers up to 50% off of tuition for the first year and up to 25% off for the second year for families who are new to Christian Education and who have never had their children in a Christian day school before.

How do we apply? Eligible families need to fill out the appropriate form and provide all transcripts (k-12) for the previous school years (or any other documentation) that verify where the prior schooling took place.

What is the amount of the scholarship? Families would simply indicate what %, up to 50%, that they wish to accept for year one and the same for year two (up to 25%) so the award would be that % of the tuition cost for that year. Example: Tuition for 2018-19 is \$6,950. Award could be as much as \$3,475 for year one and \$1,738 for year two.

T.R.I.P.

What is this? The Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) is a program in which you purchase and use gift cards instead of cash or credit cards to places you normally shop. The businesses involved give a percentage of that purchase back to the school as a reduction in your tuition the following year.

How do we apply? This program is run by Pella Christian Grade School. Contact them at 216 Liberty Street for an application and more information on this program.

What is the amount of the scholarship? The amount is based on how many gift cards you purchase and how much the percentages are that each business gives back. The more you buy, the larger your tuition credit the following year.

PCHS Endowment Fund

What is this? PCHS has an endowment that exceeds \$4.5 million. Each year we use a % of the value of the endowment and distribute that evenly to each student in the high school.

How do we apply? This is an automatic award so there is no application form required. Every enrolled student gets the endowment award credited to them PRIOR to the setting of the tuition amount so this award does not change the tuition cost but rather keeps the tuition cost down for all families by the amount of the award.

What is the amount of the scholarship? The amount of the award is different each year since it is based on a % of the value of the total endowment fund. The value is tied to the market and is based on the balance of the total endowment fund.

We would love to partner with you as we “educate and nurture each student to serve in God’s world.” We strongly believe that it is important for each family to make a personal financial commitment to their child(rens) education. Yet if you feel called to Christian education, we will do all we can to support you financially this year and in the future.

If you know of a family who is considering Pella Christian High School but believes that they can not afford the tuition, PLEASE share this information with them.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Principal Dan Van Kooten via phone (641-628-4440) or e-mail principal@pceagles.org.