

Since 1924, Portland Christian School (PCS) has been committed to honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Creator of all things, with a learning environment that is based on biblical principles and is intellectually stimulating. Our desire is to work cooperatively with the student's home and church, "so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work". (II Timothy 3:17, NIV)

The school was founded upon the fact that the "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7, NIV). It is dedicated to presenting every subject in the light of the reality of God and of the revelation of Himself to man through the Word of God, the Bible, and to the specific teachings of the Bible.

PCS is also committed to providing a Christian education to any family or student who has that desire, and our goal is to provide this regardless of a family's financial situation whenever we can. We offer an aggressive financial aid program to any family who wishes to apply. The program is made possible through the generous donations of others who share the common goal of providing a Christian learning environment to as many students as possible. Each year the PCS board will determine the funding of the financial aid program based on these donations.

Base Tuition

Financial aid awards are only considered for the cost of base tuition. Other fees – such as Tech/Book fees, athletic fees, etc... are not eligible for award consideration.

FACTS Grant & Aid Program

Families seeking need-based financial aid will apply through a third-party evaluation service provided by **FACTS Grant & Aid**. This evaluation process will determine eligibility and the amount of financial need compared to base tuition only. This amount of the financial aid award will then be provided to the family via a FACTS financial aid award letter (typically via email). If the family agrees to accept the award, then they will be asked to sign and return the letter to the school.

The financial aid application process typically opens on February 1st of each year and remains open until March 15th.

As part of the application process, current year tax returns and earning statements (W-2, 1099, etc...) must be submitted to FACTS in order to be considered for financial aid. These will be able to be uploaded thru FACTS during the application process.

Awarding Priorities

Priority for financial aid will be given to re-enrolling families first up until the end of February each year. After this date, returning families will not have priority over new families, but all applications will be considered in the order they are received.

Appeal Process

Once the family receives the FACTS financial aid award letter, if your family situation has changed since you applied for aid and you feel you cannot pay the remaining base tuition, you may appeal your financial aid award amount to the PCS Financial Aid Appeal Committee. This appeal must be in writing or via email sent to the PCS Director of Finance within two weeks of the date of the initial FACTS financial aid award letter. Please give details of your circumstances, and your estimate of the amount your family would be able to pay for base tuition for the school year. This information will be considered by the committee.

Financial Responsibility

It is the expectation that parents/guardians will contribute financially to their child's tuition. All income and expenses of the child's household should be included in any financial aid application. In cases where there is a non-custodial parent/guardian, both will be expected to submit an application and all required documentation. If the custodial parent/guardian wishes to assume full financial responsibility and sole consideration for financial aid, then a request must be submitted in writing or via email to the PCS Director of Finance, who will forward this to the PCS Financial Aid Appeal Committee for consideration.

Confidentiality

The financial aid process is a confidential matter between Portland Christian School and the applying family. Only a small select group of PCS administrators and members of the appeal committee (if applicable) will have access to any information. The family's financial information and records will be treated with the utmost discretion by the school. No paperwork will be files on school property. All documents relating to the financial aid application will be uploaded to FACTS for safekeeping.

Families should not discuss their financial aid status or award with any other school personnel or school families, or any off-campus association. Discussion of financial aid status could jeopardize the award and may result in the revocation of the award.