

2018-2019 Financial Assistance Program and Voucher/SGO Details Trinity Lutheran High School

The first step a family must take in order to receive any available assistance is apply using the paper or online application through FAIR (details on the reverse side). There are two possibilities for financial aid for students coming to Trinity:

1) The student may be eligible for a voucher from the state.

To be eligible, the family must meet household size and income requirements and meet one of the pathways determined by the state. These include coming from a public school (last two semesters), receiving an SGO scholarship or voucher the year before, or having a sibling who has received an SGO scholarship or a voucher in a previous year. For helpful materials, including a list of all of the pathways and the current income guidelines, visit: <http://www.doe.in.gov/choice>

2) The family may qualify for financial aid issued by Trinity.

Through God's continued blessing and many generous donors, the Christian education Trinity offers continues to be made affordable for many families. Each year, the TLHS auction raises over \$120,000 to be used for financial aid the following year. This aid is awarded based solely on level of need as determined by an independent company (FAIR) who confidentially reviews each application.

Applications must be received by FAIR on or before April 15th in order to be guaranteed consideration of an award. Families can apply through FAIR anytime after the materials are available (usually February 1st for both paper and online), but the amount of aid awarded will not be shared until May 31st.

It would be difficult to share an estimation of the aid that could be awarded each family due to the many factors that FAIR takes into consideration. These include the size of the family, assets, number of students attending school(s), discretionary income, and home or business equity.

Most of the time, if a family receives a voucher from the state, no additional aid is awarded. There are two levels of vouchers (they were roughly \$5,300 or \$2,900 for the 2017-2018 school year) which vary based upon the school district in which the student lives.

2018-2019 Procedure for Applying for Financial Aid Trinity Lutheran High School

In order for Trinity Lutheran High School to award financial aid to a student, the parents must apply through FAIR, an independent financial aid reviewer. Using FAIR ensures an objective evaluation of each family's financial need and keeps all application materials confidential.

Families can apply anytime prior to the start of the school year of which the aid is intended. However, in order to be guaranteed consideration of an award, the application and all materials **must be received by FAIR on or before April 15th**. Once the application period is open, Mr. Stellwagen may host an information night to help families complete their online applications using school computers, should there be a need.

There are two methods of applying:

PAPER FORMS:

Please stop in the office or call to request that a form be mailed to you. Fill out the form in full, and mail the form, a copy of your 2017 federal income tax return, 2017 W-2's, your most recent paystub and an application fee of \$30 to FAIR. Families using the paper application process will receive a post card confirming the receipt of their application.

ONLINE:

Go to www.fairapp.com

In order to apply online, you will need the following:

1. School Code: 263
2. School Password: tlhs263
3. A valid email address
4. A credit card to complete payment processing (Visa or Mastercard)
5. 2017 Federal Income Tax Return with all schedules and W-2's.

(You must also provide documentation for any other taxable income.)

To begin the application process, go to www.fairapp.com and click on the "Online Application" link. Create a user account using your email address and create a password. You may then log in using the school code and password to fill out the form.

Once completed, you will receive a confirmation page that verifies FAIR has received your application as well as an email reconfirming receipt. The confirmation page and the email will also remind you to submit your tax return to FAIR as soon as possible. If the tax return is not received by FAIR within 14 days, an email reminder will be sent.

If you have specific questions, please call the school, or contact FAIR:

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