

- **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 appropriate for their families' unique financial situation. Thus, this makes Liberty 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 unable to afford the published tuition rate at Liberty Christian School and they believe they can demonstrate and provide documentation qualifying them for the program. Many factors are considered when determining the tuition amount a family is able to pay, including income, assets, extenuating expenses, and the size of the family. Families with a single child enrolled in K4 pay the standard published rate; however, variable tuition may be applicable to K4 families with multiple students enrolled. Students who enroll and attend less than half the school year will not be considered for a variance but are welcome to apply for the following year if qualified.

An application for Variable Tuition does not affect the admission process. Regardless of financial need, parents should initiate the admission process as early as possible. Families may apply for Variable Tuition **only** after they have submitted an application for admission to the school and paid the non-refundable New Student Registration fee.

Tuition must be paid in full for a student attending until determination of any variance is made by the Variable Tuition Committee.

**It is not possible for a family or the school to estimate the tuition level for which a family qualifies without completion of a Variable Tuition application.** Applications are submitted directly to FACTS, a third-party agency. FACTS evaluates the application based on criteria set by the school and makes a recommendation to the school's Finance Committee. The Finance Committee then carefully reviews and considers each application on a case by case basis as every family's financial situation is unique. 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 award if our family qualifies?**

Typically, you will be notified within 6 weeks of providing all required and requested supplemental documentation to our confidential third party service or a representative of the school. The Finance Committee meets to review applications on a monthly basis.

- **What is the cost to apply for Variable Tuition?**

The non-refundable FACTS Application Fee is \$45.

- **Should every new Liberty Christian family submit an application for Variable Tuition?**

No. Only families who are unable to pay the published rate should submit an application.

- **If I apply, how likely am I to receive an award?**

Our criteria for determining award qualification is based on the third party evaluation of non-elective income and expenses and those with a demonstrated and documented financial need.

Unfortunately, the school is not able to provide Variable Tuition to every deserving student. We work within the available resources to make the school accessible to as many students and families as possible.



## Variable Tuition Frequently Asked Questions

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If the evaluation determines you do not qualify for a variance in tuition, your child(ren) are still welcome to attend, but at the published rate.

- **Do I need to apply for Variable Tuition each year?**

Yes. All awards for reduced tuition come directly from donated or fundraising dollars and awards in future years are on a year-to-year basis. **Returning families need to start their application within the notification window for continuous enrollment. This means returning families who need a variance to attend need to start the process no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

- **Who qualifies for a Variable Tuition award?**

A wide range of families with a variety of circumstances qualify for the program; adjustments to tuition may be granted to families with a demonstrated and documented financial need.

- **Do you offer merit based or sports scholarships?**

No. We do not offer other scholarships at this time. Our program to offset tuition costs is based on demonstrated and documented financial need.

- **Are some families awarded full tuition?**

No. Families who qualify are offered an award appropriate to their non-elective expenses and income. In no case, however, will a variable tuition adjustment exceed 40% of published tuition costs for new families.

- **Are awards sometimes revoked?**

Yes. The school reserves the right to review and cancel the Variable Tuition adjustments at any time because of failure to pay any outstanding tuition amounts on time. Additionally, any student who fails to remain in good standing at the school (academic, attendance, or disciplinary) will jeopardize their Variable Tuition adjustment. Cancellation may also result from a gross overstatement or understatement of income or expenses in any attempt to solicit a greater award amount. The expectation is that all our parents partner with us to steward wisely the funds the Lord has provided LCS by notifying us if your circumstances change and you no longer require the awarded reduction so that the funds may be released to address other needs here at Liberty. Failure to report any major changes in income or elimination of substantial expenses in a timely manner to the Finance Coordinator (such as gaining employment after receiving a variance in tuition, paying off or eliminating a car or student loan, etc.) that would affect your ability to pay tuition may result in ineligibility to qualify for aid in the future.

- **Who should I contact with questions about a Variance in Tuition?**

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