

Siouxland Christian School



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Dear Parent(s):

Thank you for your interest in Christian education at Siouxland Christian School. It is our desire that Christian education be affordable to as many families as possible. To this end, we want to make financial aid tuition assistance available to families with demonstrated financial need. This packet of information starts the process of getting tuition assistance for your student(s) enrolled at SCS.

Here is how the financial aid tuition assistance application process works:

1. Complete the *Financial Aid – NICSTO Eligibility Application 2017-18* form.
2. Attach or include the family annual 2016 completed tax form. (If you do not have your tax return yet you must complete and submit the application by April 21 and provide your tax return as soon as possible). Child support and other non-reportable income must be included on the application. Your information will be reviewed only by an independent accountant and will be kept in strict confidence.
3. Return the *Financial Aid—NICSTO Eligibility Application*, your tax form, and a payment of \$40.00 payable to SCS to the school office in the white envelope.
4. Once your financial information has been reviewed by the accountant, the accountant will recommend a maximum financial aid tuition assistance amount. Then the SCS Financial Aid Committee, comprised of the Administrator and several appointed Board members, will take the accountant's recommendation and approve, deny, or modify your financial aid request and you will be informed of the committee's decision.
5. If you need additional assistance above what the SCS Financial Aid Committee awards you, you may make a written request for the total amount of financial aid you need along with the reason for the need directly to the full School Board. Additional assistance can only be awarded if additional funds have been donated to SCS for financial aid.
6. Once you have accepted the Committee's approved tuition assistance plan, the financial secretary will work with you to determine your payment plan for the remaining tuition and fees.

Please bear in mind that tuition assistance is essentially an unfunded assistance program at SCS. This means that any tuition assistance provided to a family must be made up from tuition paid by other families and the fundraising activities of the school. For this reason, we ask that you only apply for the minimum amount of tuition assistance needed to make it possible for you to send your student(s) to SCS. **The award of tuition assistance also comes with an expectation that families receiving tuition assistance will "do their part" regarding student recruitment, fund raising, and other volunteer activities of SCS so that tuition assistance continues to be available for future families.**

If you have any questions about the tuition assistance process, please see Mrs. VanDerVliet in the school office.

In His Service,

The SCS School Board