

WHAT IS A TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

There are financial obligations when a family sends their child to an independent or private, non-public school. The primary expense is tuition; payments which go to support the cost of teachers, supplies and facilities. Bearspaw Christian School is committed to a strong tuition assistance program. We expect that each family will contribute a fair portion of the cost of education at the school. We want to act as partners with your family to find the resources that will allow you to enroll your child.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Families whose current financial circumstances may not support the payment of tuition required to attend the school may make an application for tuition assistance under BCS's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE

Assistance of up to 100% of tuition fees is available.



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TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY

Families whose current financial circumstances may not support the payment of the various fees required to attend the School may make an application for tuition assistance under the School's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Pastoral/ministry* and non-pastoral families with total household gross income falling within the ranges set out on the "Eligibility Grid" may apply for our Tuition Assistance Program, as long as the family meets the following criteria and requirements:

1. Explored other opportunities for tuition assistance
 2. Family gross income falls within the TAP Eligibility Grid.
 3. Employer provided verification of gross income.
 4. A copy of the most current year's income tax filing.
 5. Family meets BCS's current admissions criteria and policy.
 6. Class capacity allows for enrollment of students applying. Existing families and families paying full tuition are given first priority.
 7. Sufficient funds remain in BCS's TAP budget.
- OR**
8. Family has incurred unusually high expenses, experienced extraordinary circumstances, or has been disadvantaged in some manner and meets items 3 through 7 above (this applies to existing and prospective families).

And/Or

9. Through prayer and petition BCS's TAP committee determines that God is leading BCS to provide assistance to a family (this applies to existing and prospective families).

* Pastoral/Ministry families are defined as those families where the primary breadwinner is eligible for a pastoral or ministry housing allowance as a result of his/her profession. All other families are categorized as non-pastoral families.

PROCESS

To apply for TAP please follow the steps listed below:

1. Complete a TAP application form along with an enrollment application for each student and return it via mail, or hand deliver it to Bearspaw Christian School, 15001 69th Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T3R 1C5.
2. Applicants will be asked to complete an enrollment application at the time of TAP application submission.
3. Applicants must meet school enrollment requirements in order to receive TAP approval.
4. Upon receipt the TAP application will be reviewed by the TAP committee of the school. The committee will make a determination as to the eligibility of the applicant. Those applicants that meet the preliminary approval of the committee will be contacted for a meeting with the president of the school, or his designate. Those applicants that do not meet the preliminary approval of the TAP committee will be contacted via telephone.
5. Among other criteria, the committee will be assessing the percentage of students receiving TAP at BCS, the capacity in respective BCS classes, and the available TAP budget in order to arrive at their decision.
6. The decision of the TAP committee is final. Applicants can apply in successive years for assistance if they are not accepted in a particular year.

CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY

Once your child(ren) is/are accepted at BCS and provided tuition assistance, the level of assistance will be re-evaluated annually based on the then current TAP eligibility grid and other factors.

HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

The BCS TAP program is funded largely through the generous donations of current BCS families and other donors. If you would like to donate to the BCS TAP program and help under-privileged families be able to provide a Christian education for their children, please contact our office at 403-295-2566 or go to our website at www.bearspawschool.com for more information.

