



GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FINANCIAL AID FAQs

- **What documentation is required to apply for financial aid at GAC?**

1. Current Student or New Student Financial Aid Checklist
2. Letter of Request
3. Birth certificate for each student entering grades K-1 and/or Fall semester report card for each student entering grades 2-12
4. Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040 including all schedules)
5. W-2 Form(s)
6. Current Mortgage Statement or Rental Agreement
7. Business owners must also submit all business tax returns, to include all business tax information that is not included on your 1040
8. Other financial documents as needed

- **What additional factors does the Financial Aid Committee consider when determining awards?**

To get a complete picture of a family's financial situation, the Committee must receive accurate information from all the adults residing in the applicant's home.

- **If I am single, divorced or no longer living with my child's other parent, what information will the financial aid committee require in order to determine an award?**

The Financial Aid Committee expects that all parents will contribute financially to their child's tuition. Each household is expected to submit all required documentation to GAC's Financial Aid Office in order for the School to gain a realistic picture of family resources. If the non-custodial parent refuses to comply, the Financial Aid Committee will determine whether or not the family is eligible for an award. If the custodial parent has not heard from the non-custodial parent for a period of time to be determined by the Financial Aid Committee, forms may not be required. However, a letter of verification from a third party (pastor, attorney, social worker, etc.) will be required. The Financial Aid Committee may request a copy of the divorce decree; however, it may choose not to abide by it. Each situation is unique and will be handled on an individual basis.

- **Do I have to reapply each year for financial aid?**

Yes, each student's need is recalculated annually.

- **Does financial aid cover anything besides tuition?**

No, financial aid does not cover the cost of uniforms, required books, mandatory class trips, or other miscellaneous charges.

- **What happens if our situation changes, after the financial aid award is made?**

When financial circumstances change significantly, it is the family's obligation to make that known to the Financial Aid Committee through the Financial Aid Office.

- **I am interested in the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program. How do I apply?**

GAC participates in the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program which allows individuals and corporations to redirect a portion of their state tax dollars to GOAL on behalf of GAC. The funds designated for GAC are utilized to provide additional need-based financial aid to qualified students. At GAC, new students entering grades K5-9 are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid. Only those applicants currently attending a public school are eligible to receive GOAL specific funds. Families cannot apply specifically for a GOAL scholarship but should follow the steps in place to apply for need-based financial aid.

Please visit GAC's GOAL page for more information about the program.

- **Are there any other options for financing tuition available through GAC?**

GAC has a list of organizations that offer financing plans to our parents who desire a tuition loan. Refer to the [Financing Options](#) link for additional information. From experience, we have also seen many families receive help from extended families and friends.