CHAMINADE
Financial Assistance Information

SUPPORTING YOUR SON'S **ESTO VIR** JOURNEY

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Chaminade Financial Aid Philosophy

- Mission: Offer need-based financial aid to the most qualified young men in the form of tuition grants ranging from $1,000 - $14,000 with the average grant of $8,500.

- Last year, Chaminade awarded over $3.6 million in financial aid, scholarships, and tuition remission.

- Approximately 55% of student body receives financial assistance.

- Admitted regardless of need.

- Financial Aid is for tuition only and cannot be used towards the deposit, laptop lease, student fees, spirit wear, food service accounts, remediation or summer accelerated classes.

Types of Financial Aid

Direct Grant

Applied to your son's tuition balance as a direct reduction of tuition; does not need to be paid back.

Work Grant (Grades 9 – 12 only)

Tuition will be reduced by the number of hours your son works on campus. Jobs are completed on the grounds and with the Facilities Department.

- Maximum of $500 per school year (50 Hours)
- Hours are 7:30AM-3PM; Monday – Friday
  - Work in July/August or May/June (end of the school year)
  - Limited availability during Christmas and Spring Break (preference to Seniors)
- Timesheets are completed, signed by a supervisor and returned to business office for processing.

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Financial Aid Guiding Principles

- Chaminade uses FACTS Grant and Aid (FGAA) to collect and validate taxes.

- Online applications only; $40 fee to apply (can apply to multiple schools at no extra cost).

- Chaminade Financial Assistance Committee will make allocation decisions.

- All information is confidential; Business Office personnel are the only people with access to the application and taxes.

- Financial Aid must be applied for each year by the deadline for returning students.

Application Process

Getting Started…STEP #1

- Login into FACTS via the Chaminade Website: www.chaminade-stl.org

- Click on the Admissions Tab >Tuition and Financial Aid

- The following link will be there to click on: https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3cyj6

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Getting Started...(continued)

- All schools that use FACTS have specific questions or different tax requirements particular to that school.   You must file your application via the Chaminade website **only**.

- If you already have a FACTS account (Tuition/Aid) at any other school, you will sign in using those credentials.

- New users are those that do not have a FACTS account at any school.

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Things to Remember When Completing the Application

- Send only the required documents listed on the FACTS checklist. Select "View All" if you do not see your option.

- When uploading documents use "Other" if you are unsure of the category of your documents.

- Do not duplicate file names.

- Click HELP to see an example of what each form looks like. The form name appears in upper left corner.

- Send federal taxes only—no state.

- PDF format only.
  - File size < 20mb; no password protected files.

- Do not send taxes marked 'do not file' or similar.

- Be sure to copy both sides of a 2-sided documents—especially the form 1040.

- If you choose not to upload, include Applicant ID# on all pages if mailed or faxed.

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- If you are concerned about security, please black out dependent SS#'s and all but the last four of the tax filer.

- Upload a financial narrative if needed; please limit to financial issues. A narrative should be submitted in the "Other" category in a PDF format.

- Actual copies of W-2/equivalents issued by your employer must be submitted.
  - Must show recipient name, company, wage year and all boxes.
  - If you are sending a picture from your phone, send only one complete section (local, state, or federal). Multiple copies of the same information are listed on the same page; it is not necessary to send the whole page.

- If you receive Social Security benefits, send copies of SSA/SSI-1099; also send a copy of the benefit letter for the new year.

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✓ **Good Example**

Content fully in-frame, text clearly showing and minimal background.

✗ **Blurry Photo**

Hold the camera steady so the information is clearly visable. If scanning, rescan to get a clearer image.

✗ **Cut Off Photo**

Make sure all the content on document is visible before uploading

✗ **Excess Background**

Hold your camera closer to the document so you can see as little of the background as possible. If scanning, crop out background

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What Happens Next?

- Once your son is accepted, the FACTS Application is complete, and all requested documents are correctly uploaded by the set deadlines, the committee will review your submission.

- FACTS can take up to two weeks to review your application. You will receive numerous reminder emails from FACTS.

- After your application is reviewed by the committee, a determination letter will be emailed to your family from FACTS.

- Be sure to check your spam/ junk folder. The subject line will say "Award Decisions for Chaminade College Prep."

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Questions?

Please contact us if you have any questions along the way!

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"*An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.*"

— Benjamin Franklin