

## The Clearwater School | Tuition Assistance Program

Clearwater values having a diverse community & student body. The tuition assistance program is designed to make Clearwater more accessible to families regardless of their income level.

### Protocol:

*Tuition Assistance Requests are always confidential.*

- The Tuition Assistance Committee is limited to TCS staff members in order to maintain confidentiality.
- All members of the committee will review the application & attached documents.
- The committee will use the scale below to ensure their evaluation is unbiased and supports the mission of the program. *Requests may be accepted at a lower or higher rate than the suggested amount on the scale based on individual circumstances.*
- In order to approve an application the committee must unanimously be in favor.
- Results of the committee decision will be emailed to the applicant.
- If an application is denied, the committee will present a counter offer. The offer may be full tuition if the committee deems it appropriate.

### Scale:

Tuition assistance rates are based on the family's financial circumstances and their capacity to pay rather than the number of children enrolling.

*Note: this scale represents the lowest suggested amount based on income and many families will pay more than the suggested minimum. Requests may also be accepted at a lower rate than the suggested amount on the scale based on qualifying circumstances.*

Monthly Income Level	Suggested minimum amount accepted
< - \$2,500	Special Circumstances - SM approval for < \$200
\$2,500 - \$2,900	\$200
\$2,900 - \$8,000	7%
\$8,000 +	Special Circumstances Only - SM approval

*In the case that a request must be brought to school meeting, it will be presented confidentially and without any identifying information.*

**Qualifying Circumstances:**

*The committee may decide that a family has circumstances apart from their income level that affects the amount they are able to pay. Below are examples of qualifying circumstances.*

- Medical Bills
- Disability
- Inability to work
- Divorce
- Single Parent
- # of children

**Disqualifications:**

*Occasionally requests will be made that do not embody the intent of the program. Below are examples of cases that may cause a request to be denied.*

- Not valuing Clearwater at the full tuition rate
- Distance from school being a primary factor in the request
- Significant portion of the budget going towards non-necessities

**Expectations of Applicants:**

- Complete the application with honesty and transparency.
- Update the school if your financial situation changes.
- Pay as much as possible towards full tuition.
- Pursue other avenues to pay tuition. Examples include reducing current expenses and seeking help from extended family.
- Increase tuition annually if at all possible.
- Make tuition payments on time. Unique payment plans are available by request.

**Contractual Agreement:**

Once a tuition rate is decided upon, families will complete an annual contract representing the amount of tuition they are committing to and their payment plan. The payment schedule, fees for installment payments, and fees for late payments are detailed in the Enrollment & Tuition Policy and Enrollment and Tuition Contract.

*The Clearwater School is committed to nondiscrimination. We encourage families of all compositions to apply. We welcome students of any race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, culture, religion, and national or ethnic origin.*

