



Wheaton Academy partners with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, a third-party vendor, for processing of Financial Aid applications

Step 1 - FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application – Open now

Customer Service Phone #: (866) 441-4637

- Sign in to FACTS and complete application - <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3G6YX>
- Ensure the box for Wheaton Academy is selected

Schools

Please list all schools and organizations where you would like to apply for financial aid or will pay tuition in the 2019-2020 school year.

- Wheaton Academy**
West Chicago, IL 60185-1796

- Check box to share application with Children’s Tuition Fund (see below for eligibility requirements)

Organizations

- Children's Tuition Fund - Illinois**
Checking this box shares your information with CTF
Organization associated with Wheaton Academy

- Describe any extenuating circumstances impacting your financial situation that is not reflected in your financial documents
- Upload required supporting documentation (Tax returns, W2s, Paystubs)
- Respond timely to any requests regarding additional documentation needed
- FACTS will forward the completed assessment & recommended award amount to Wheaton Academy for review

Step 2 – Children’s Tuition Fund (CTF) Application - open January 8, 2019

- In addition to checking the CTF box on the FACTS application, a short application will need to be completed for eligible families. The link will be on the Wheaton Academy website beginning January 8, 2019.
- If your family qualifies, the CTF application must be completed before financial aid is awarded.

- The following metrics below are used by CTF to determine a family’s eligibility for a scholarship award. The income amount is obtained from Line 37 (Adjusted Gross Income) of your most recent tax return:

Household Size	New family income limit	Returning CTF family income limit
2	\$ 49,380	\$ 65,840
3	\$ 62,340	\$ 83,120
4	\$ 75,300	\$ 100,400
5	\$ 88,260	\$ 117,680
6	\$ 101,220	\$ 134,960
7	\$ 114,180	\$ 152,240
8	\$ 127,140	\$ 169,520

- Awards through CTF are part of your total financial aid package from Wheaton Academy.

Step 3 – Need-Based Scholarship Application – opens January 2019

- To be completed by the student
- Reviewed and granted to students who have completed the application and who best meet the criteria set by the endowment
- Scholarship awards are part of your total financial aid package from Wheaton Academy

Step 4 – Financial Aid Committee Review

The Financial Aid Committee reviews all FACTS Assessments taking into consideration the following:

- FACTS award recommendation
- Extenuating information as provided by the family on the application
- Student’s academic and behavioral standing
- Student’s and family’s contribution (or potential contribution) to the Wheaton Academy community and completed volunteer/service hours
- Number of financial aid applications received & available funds

Once the committee determines the award amount, Wheaton Academy will send you your complete financial aid package for the 2019-2020 school year. For new students, financial aid award letters are distributed only after the student has completed the admissions process and been accepted.

Step 5 – Guidelines

- All families (returning and new) who would like to be considered for financial aid **MUST** complete a financial aid application each school year, and the award is good for one school year only.
- Only one financial aid application should be completed per household.
- Financial aid is given to full-time students only.
- Tuition accounts for returning students must be current before the family will be considered for financial aid.
- Families may submit a financial aid application with required documentation at any time during the admission process, but consideration and awarding of the financial aid will not occur until all requirements for admission have been completed.
- If you have any questions about financial aid, please contact [Pamela Larsen](#), Business Manager at plarsen@wheatonacademy.org or [Vicki Mitchell](#), Accounts Receivable Manager at vmitchell@wheatonacademy.org.

Step 6 - 2019-2020 Deadlines

- **February 15, 2019 – 1st round award notification**
Applications submitted by February 4, 2019
- **March 15, 2019 – 2nd round award notification**
Applications submitted by March 4, 2019
- **April 15, 2019 – Final round as funds remain**
Applications submitted by April 1, 2019

**Over 80% of our financial aid is awarded by March 15th*

Step 7 – Freshman Merit Based Scholarships

Wheaton Academy offers one-time merit-based scholarships of \$1,000 to incoming freshmen who have demonstrated excellence in the categories listed below:

- Academics
 - English
 - Instrumental Music
 - Leadership
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Service
 - Technology
 - Theatre
 - Visual Arts
 - Vocal Music
- All applications are due by **March 31, 2019**.
 - A maximum of two scholarships from each category will be awarded.
 - Students are welcome to apply for multiple scholarships on separate applications.
 - All Incoming Freshman Merit Scholarship applications must be submitted through the online application. Paper copies or emailed essays will not be accepted.
 - Applicants must be enrolled at Wheaton Academy to accept the award.