

FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES

This year we are using the online service of Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) to process applications for financial aid.

FAST does not decide whether financial assistance will be given or how much to give; rather FAST provides a need-based financial aid analysis service which includes a recommendation of what a family should reasonably contribute toward tuition. All information from FAST is kept confidential.

As a reminder, you must re-apply each year. To start the process, please see the following steps:

- Log onto the School's website at www.kwcs.org.
- Under Quicklinks click on FAST: Financial Aid Application
- The application process is self-guided. You may navigate in and out of the program allowing you to partially complete an application and go back to it at another time. Online e-mail and a 24/7 helpline is provided.
- The charge for the application is \$30.00, to be paid by credit card at the end of the session. If you do not have a credit card, or are not able to pay the fee, please contact our bookkeeper, Angela at 360-816-6971 or angelaewing@kwcs.org for assistance.
- After completing the online application you will be required to mail your 2009 tax returns for both state and federal taxes with all schedules and W-2's to:
FAST Processing
ISM
1316 North Union Street
Wilmington DE 19806-2594
- **Including the School's name on the outside of the envelope will ensure faster processing of your application.**
- The online submission deadline for all applications is April 15, 2010.
- Your tax return must follow the submission, and be postmarked by April 29, 2010.

The goal is to have an award determination made by May 3, 2010. While no financial aid procedure can be entirely equitable – there are simply too many individual factors and extenuating circumstances – this new process that has been selected should serve our school community well. Among its many features will be the ability to further secure your financial data, and maintain the high degree of confidentiality that past recipients most appreciated.