KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Blackbaud Financial Aid Management™

FINANCIAL AID AT KING'S WAY

Making Christ-Centered Education More Accessible

At King's Way, we desire to serve God by meeting needs within our community and expanding access to an excellent, Christ-centered education. Through our financial aid program, we strive to help families manage the financial investment of a Christian education and make it accessible to as many students as possible.

How Financial Aid Works

Because each family's circumstances are unique, many factors are considered when determining eligibility for financial aid and the amount of assistance that can be awarded. To support this process, King's Way partners with Blackbaud Financial Aid Management, a confidential, third-party platform to gather and evaluate application data.

We recognize that families have a range of circumstances but unfortunately, it is not possible to estimate qualification without a complete application. If you are unsure if your family will qualify and you are unable to afford the full tuition rate, it's our recommendation to apply.

A Few Important Things to Know:

- ➔ ONLINE APPLICATION REQUIRED All financial aid applications must be submitted online through Blackbaud Financial Aid Management
- ➔ WHAT DOES FINANCIAL AID COVER? **Financial aid is applied to K-12 tuition only**; unfortunately, online courses, international student tuition, toddler-PreK tuition, before/after-school care, and school-care break care are ineligible.
- ➔ HOW MUCH AID CAN BE AWARDED? Financial aid awards generally range from 5% to 65% of tuition. Awards are based on individual family circumstances and grade levels. **Financial aid will not cover the full cost of tuition**, even when a family demonstrates full financial need. Award maximums are typically determined by grade level:
    - ◆ Elementary school (grades K-5): *up to* 35% off tuition
    - ◆ Middle school (grades 6-8): *up to* 50% off tuition
    - ◆ High school (grades 9-12): *up to* 65% off tuition
- ➔ APPLICATION DEADLINE **January 10, 2027** is the priority application deadline for returning families. Applications submitted after the priority deadline will be accepted, however it could result in a reduced award or denial of financial aid depending on the circumstances and available funds.
- ➔ APPLICATION FEE $45 application fee per family that cannot be waived or discounted
- ➔ APPLYING FOR A NEW STUDENT? An enrollment application must also be submitted to be considered for financial aid (enrollment and financial aid are separate processes)
- ➔ WHEN ARE AWARD DECISIONS MADE? Once the application is verified by Blackbaud Financial Aid Management, a recommendation is made to King's Way. Financial aid decisions will be sent to your Blackbaud portal and to the email associated with the application. If you have not received notification within 10 business days of submission, please reach out to finaid@kwcs.org.

READY TO GET STARTED? Visit https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school

KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Blackbaud Financial Aid Management™

2027-2028 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Create Your Account

Visit https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school

- If you have an existing profile, enter your email address and click on "Continue"
- If you are a new user, click on "Create Account," and enter your email address. You will receive an email with a code to verify your email address and then you can create your password to complete your profile to access the financial aid application.

Step 2: Complete the Application Questions

You will select school year 2027-2028, and then enter 14073 under the search option for school code (or you can search by school name, city or state). The application consists of four main components with questions related to your household and dependents, income and expenses, assets and debts, and special circumstances.

- Household - parents and guardians, dependents, and schools (if you have other student dependents who will not be attending KWCS)
- Income & Expenses - employment and business income, mortgage/rent, medical expenses, family support and care expenses
- Assets & Debts - real estate, donations, retirement, vehicles, and other liabilities
- Special Circumstances - other considerations that could be applicable to your household

Finally, you'll review the Terms/Conditions and then submit payment for the application fee. You can pay using a checking or savings account or card (extra fee may apply for card payments).

Step 3: Upload the Requested Documentation

Once your application fee has been paid, you'll receive a list of documents to upload to your application based on your household's current situation. These typically include your most recently filed federal tax return (with all schedule attachments and W2s), and current pay stub(s). Once all requested documents are uploaded, your application will automatically move into "Documents Received" status to proceed in the verification and consideration process.

Helpful Tips

- ➔ Take your time and answer each question accurately - most parents can complete their application within 15 minutes with the necessary information readily available
- ➔ You will be able to save your application and come back to it at any time, but it should be submitted before the priority deadline (or timely thereafter) given that funding is limited
- ➔ Each document must be uploaded separately under the applicable document type, and the document title should not contain any special characters
- ➔ If you are unable to provide any of the requested documents, please provide an attachment indicating which document(s) you are unable to provide and why
- ➔ Incomplete applications or those without the requested documents will not be reviewed

Questions? Contact the **Blackbaud Financial Aid Management Parent Contact Center**

- 1-800-360-8027 agents available seven days a week
- Email financialaidsupport@blackbaud.school
- Chat by clicking on the blue chat icon in the bottom right corner when logged in

KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Blackbaud Financial Aid Management™

FINANCIAL AID FAQs

Who should complete the financial aid application?
The applicant should be the individual(s) who the student resides with whether it is a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian, and **all household members** and respective income should be included on the application. If there are two separate parent households involved, each parent household would need to apply separately to be considered.

What do I include if I have not yet filed my current tax return?
Depending on the timing of your application, we understand that 2026 returns may not yet be filed so please include your 2025 federal tax return and all schedule attachments.

How will I know if I qualify for assistance or not?
Blackbaud Financial Aid Management calculates a family's need based on income, expenses, family size, assets, and debt. All data is kept confidential - we do not disclose info about the results of your application and we are unable to accommodate in-person meetings. All financial aid decisions including notification of an award will be made through your Blackbaud Financial Aid Management portal and will be emailed to the address associated with the application.

Do I need to complete a financial aid application each year since my student is continuously enrolled?
Yes, because financial circumstances can change, you must submit a new application by the applicable deadline each year. Applications submitted late or after the priority deadline for returning students could result in a reduced award or denial of financial aid for the upcoming school year depending the circumstances and available funds.

What if I want to edit or check the status of my application?
Once an application has been submitted, it can no longer be edited by a parent. However, if changes are necessary, you can reach out to the Blackbaud Parent Contact Center, or if your application has been verified, contact finaid@kwcs.org.

To check the status of your application, log into Blackbaud Financial Aid Management where you will find the application status displayed on the home page.

- ➔ Open: Application has been started but not submitted
- ➔ Submitted: Application questions are complete but documents haven't been uploaded
- ➔ On Hold: Missing required documents
- ➔ Documents Received: Documents submitted and pending review
- ➔ Verified: Application reviewed and ready for school decision

Applications without documentation will not move forward in the consideration process until all requested items have been uploaded.