



# Variable Tuition

NWCS is excited to introduce a new and innovative tuition program that replaces financial aid called Variable Tuition. Any family (current or new) of a K-12th grade student may apply for Variable Tuition if they are concerned about affording the full tuition rate at NWCS. Many factors are considered when determining the tuition amount a family can pay, including income, assets, unusual expenses, family size and the number of children attending NWCS.

## **Variable Tuition is not a “one-size-fits-all” tuition approach.**

We use a confidential third-party company called FACTS to assist us in determining your Variable Tuition. Please follow the instructions below to apply.

## Apply Online Today!

1. Follow the link at [www.nwcs.org](http://www.nwcs.org) to complete the Grant and Aid application. FACTS Charges a \$35 fee.
2. Submit your Federal Form 1040 Income Tax Return, W-2 forms and supporting documentation for non-taxable income to FACTS. You can upload documents by logging into your online account or fax them to 866-315-9264. Draft or Preview Copy tax documents will not be accepted.
3. Variable Tuition applications are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Please note this application is to determine your Variable tuition. It is not a school registration. You will still need to complete the application/enrollment process for your student(s) to attend NWCS.*

## Variable Tuition Application FAQs

### ❖ **Who decides my Variable Tuition amount?**

Northwest Christian Schools is solely responsible for determining the final award. The analysis completed by FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment serves as a recommendation.

### ❖ **Why do I have to provide this personal and confidential information?**

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment must verify your expenses and household income to assist NWCS in making an informed decision about the amount of financial assistance needed for each family.

### ❖ **How can I check the status of my application?**

Once you have completed the online application, you will be able to log on to the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment website to check the status of your application.

### ❖ **When will I be notified of our Financial Aid award?**

It takes approximately 3 weeks to complete the process. You will receive an email from FACTS asking you to log back into the FACTS website where you will be able to view your award determination.

### ❖ **Can I discuss my situation with NWCS?**

If you have extenuating circumstances, there is a place on the application to explain your situation.

**Help is available from FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment**

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## NWCS Variable Tuition Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How is a Christian education an option for your family at Northwest Christian School?**

A NWCS education is possible for two reasons. First, no family at Northwest Christian School pays more than 80% of what it costs to educate a student. This is made possible through the generous financial support of donors, investments, fund raisers, and the NWCS Thrift Store. Second, NWCS offers a Variable Tuition program.

2. **What is Variable Tuition?**

Variable Tuition is not a "one-size-fits all" tuition approach. Tuition costs range from 40-80% of the maximum tuition level and matches your child's tuition rate to your family's unique financial situation. This makes a Northwest Christian School education accessible to many qualified families who would not otherwise be able to join our school community.

3. **How Does Variable Tuition Work?**

All families with children entering K-12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to apply for Variable Tuition. NWCS encourages families who think that they may be unable to pay the maximum tuition level to submit a confidential application. Families should apply for a FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment through the [FACTS](#) website. Based on their assessment and our Variable Tuition Committee review, each family's tuition rate is determined.

4. **Why is Northwest Christian School implementing this new Variable Tuition program?**

NWCS wants to help change the perception of affordability and make a top-ranked Christian school education accessible to more families. This program is part of the school's enrollment growth strategy. Growing enrollment will help us maintain and enhance both academic and co-curricular programming that will benefit every student.

5. **Do I need to apply for Variable Tuition every year?**

Yes. A new application must be submitted every year.

6. **If I do not qualify for the program this year, can I apply again next year?**

Yes, we recognize a family's unique financial situation may change from year to year. A family that does not qualify one year is welcome to apply the following year.

7. **What is the typical financial situation of a family who qualifies for Variable Tuition?**

A wide range of families with a variety of circumstances qualify for the program. Because each family's financial situation is different, variable tuition rates are matched to each family's unique financial situation within the variable tuition range. Many factors are evaluated when determining each family's rate including income, assets, unusual expenses, family size, and current NWCS enrollment.

8. **Does Variable Tuition apply to the Preschool and Pre-kindergarten program?**

Variable tuition only applies to the Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade program.

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