

Unity Christian School Financial Aid Policy

Financing an education today is often the single largest financial commitment a family makes, next to the purchase of their home. For many, their desire for an excellent education for their children exceeds their ability to pay for it. For those families who are also committed to the fundamental importance of an education that honors God as the creator of all things and all knowledge, we want to provide assistance. It is our belief that the educational environment and experience is enhanced when there is a diversity of economic backgrounds among the students. To receive financial aid, families must demonstrate objective financial need. This is accomplished through the use of a third party organization, which evaluates each application in complete privacy.

What is financial aid?

Financial aid is tuition assistance offered for the purpose of helping you meet your educational expenses. UCS participates in three different tuition assistance programs.

R.O. Stone Memorial Fund – UCS funds this aid through donations. Financial aid applications must be processed by March 1 to be considered.

GOAL Scholarship Program – GOAL is funded by taxpayers redirecting a portion of their Georgia income tax to provide a scholarship to eligible students. All GOAL paperwork must be processed and signed before a student can attend class. Students entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first grade or transferring directly from public school are eligible.

Georgia Special Needs Scholarship (GSNS) – A family does not have to show financial need in order to participate in the GSNS. However, only students with a current IEP transferring directly from public school are eligible. The family must provide UCS with a printed award sheet obtained from the website, www.gadoe.org/sb10.aspx and a copy of the student's IEP.

Where do I get an application?

The FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment application can be completed on line at www.factstuitionaid.com. There is a \$25 processing fee to cover the cost of the assessment.

When do I apply for financial aid?

You must have a completed application for admission on file to be considered for financial aid. **Your registration to UCS is required, before award notification.** No award amounts will be communicated until all required paperwork is submitted. **ATTENTION - UCS must receive your financial needs report from FACTS by March 1 (online completion date-February 20) to be included in the initial award processing.** Applications for financial aid will be accepted for consideration from January 1 through August 31. Applications received after March 1 however will be subject to availability of residual funding.

Who is eligible to apply for financial aid?

All enrolled students and students applying for admission for PreK3 through 12th grade may apply. The student billing account of enrolled students must be current. Re-applicants must consistently maintain high standards of citizenship.

Need help?

Call the Financial Aid Office – 706-292-0700 or speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-315-9262

UCS Statement of Non-discrimination

Unity Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, athletics, or other school administered programs.