

CAIRN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Bursary Program

At CAIRN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL we want as many families to experience Christian education as we possibly can. To achieve this goal our Bursary is readily available and we encourage EVERYONE who cannot manage our published rates to please feel free to apply.

We also ask that if you are at all able to meet the published cost that you not apply. We would love to use the available funds to reach out to even more families! If we all share this vision, we will be able to spread the gift of Christian education as widely as possible.



We partner with ISM's (Independent School Management's) online service Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) to process our bursary applications.

FAST does not decide what amount your family is eligible to receive. Rather, FAST provides a financial aid analysis and then includes a recommendation of what a family should reasonably contribute toward tuition. All information from FAST is kept confidential. Results are reviewed by the Bursary Committee who will make the final determination regarding the amounts to be awarded. These decisions are based on the Board's policies and next year's budget. Once these determinations are made, notices will be sent to the individual families and they will be able to complete the school's financial forms for the upcoming school year.

When you are ready to begin, you can go directly to our schools' unique FAST start page at:
<http://www.cairnchristianschool.ca/bursary>

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. Please do not call the school with specific questions about the application process.

The customer service at FAST is very helpful!

The 2021 charge to apply is \$45.00 (USD) but if you have not applied for a Bursary before, you may request a voucher number from the school by contacting khuinink@cairnchristianschool.ca. This allows you to complete your initial application free of charge. When you are prompted to enter credit card information, you simply enter the voucher number and use the current month and year as the expiry date.

The online submissions are reviewed and awards typically determined at the end of each month. Earlier applications have the benefit of being considered while the funds available are at their highest levels. We will continue to process applications right through the summer, but the awards may be limited by the amount of available bursary that remains.

The goal is to have an award determination sent to you quickly after the end of the month in which you apply – so that your family will have all the information in your hands as you make decisions for next year.

While no financial aid procedure can be perfectly equitable – there are simply too many individual factors and extenuating circumstances – this process has been selected because we believe it serves our community very well. Using FAST ensures the confidential handling of your financial data, and the ability to balance the wide variety of circumstances we find among our families.

****Information you should have at hand to complete your FAST application: ****

Canadian Tax Forms: Your most recent federal forms and copies of all supporting tax schedules and T-slips (such as T4, T4A, T3, T5). For businesses—T2125; Fishing/Farming – T2121, T2042; Rental Property – T776; For Corporations – Latest Financial Statements prepared by auditors; Partnerships – L122, Schedule 4 (Part III), T5013 or T5013A; and Trusts – T1142 if applicable.

Household Information: Year-end statement from your mortgage holder; Bank statements; Brokerage statements; Insurance costs for home, life, auto, and health; Utility information; Medical records and expenses; Retirement account information.

We are thankful for a process which allows expertise, efficiency, and confidentiality all to make Christian Education accessible!!