

# TUITION AND FEES 2026-27

Each column is the cost per student. For multiple children enrolled, add columns for your total. Your 1<sup>st</sup> student is your eldest student.

Tuition Schedule for 2026-27						
	1 <sup>st</sup> Student Tuition		2 <sup>nd</sup> Student Tuition 12% Discount		3 <sup>rd</sup> Student Tuition 20% Discount	
	Annual Tuition	12-month Payment Plan	Annual Tuition	12-month Payment Plan	Annual Tuition	12-month Payment Plan
<b>3-yr-old Preschool</b> Tuition: 5 half days	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 326.67	\$ 3,449.60	\$ 287.47	\$ 3,136.00	\$ 261.33
<b>4-yr-old Pre-K</b> Tuition: 5 half days Tuition: 5 full days	\$ 3,920.00 \$ 7,793.00	\$ 326.67 \$ 649.42	\$ 3,449.60 \$ 6,857.84	\$ 287.47 \$ 571.49	\$ 3,136.00 \$ 6,234.40	\$ 261.33 \$ 519.53
<b>Kindergarten</b> Tuition: 5 half days Tuition: 5 full days	\$ 4,191.00 \$ 8,382.00	\$ 349.25 \$ 698.50	\$ 3,688.08 \$ 7,376.16	\$ 307.34 \$ 614.68	\$ 3,352.80 \$ 6,705.60	\$ 279.40 \$ 558.80
<b>1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup></b> Tuition	\$ 8,963.00	\$ 746.92	\$ 7,887.44	\$ 657.29	\$ 7,170.40	\$ 597.53
<b>7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></b> Tuition	\$ 9,263.00	\$ 771.92	\$ 8,151.44	\$ 679.29	\$ 7,410.40	\$ 617.53
<b>9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b> Tuition	\$ 9,626.00	\$ 802.17	\$ 8,470.88	\$ 705.91	\$ 7,700.80	\$ 641.73

**New Student Application Fee:** Grades PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> \$200 per student

The New Student Application Fee is required of all new students applying for admission. Paperwork and payment of fee are submitted together online (see our website for details) and are required prior to applying for financial assistance.

**New Student Siblings of Current Families:** New student application deadline for current families is **March 15**.

**Continuous Enrollment Cancellation Deadline:** **March 15**

Your student must remain enrolled for next school year to qualify for the Continuous Enrollment Tuition Credit (see next page) and **to secure enrollment for next year**.

**Annual Student Fee:** Grades Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> fee: \$100 per student

**Due: March 20** (through FACTS)

If you pay tuition in full and are not on FACTS, your annual student fee is due to the Business Office by **March 20**.

**Textbook, Technology, and Class Fees:** These annual fees have been discontinued as separate fees and are now included in the tuition numbers above.

**Enrollment Cancellation Fee after the first day of school:**

To recover the cost associated with textbooks ordered, if a student's enrollment is canceled after the first day of class and before the last day of the school year, the following **Cancellation Fee** will be charged according to the student's grade and prorated according to the number of weeks cancelled:

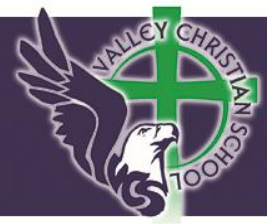
**Preschool & PreK** \$50 per student

**Kindergarten** \$150 per student

**Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** \$200 per student

**Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** \$250 per student

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**Continuous Enrollment (CE) Credit:** \$100 tuition credit per student who meets the requirements by June 30. Current students in grades Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> who remain enrolled for the following school year (2026-27) will be granted a tuition credit of \$100 per student on their 2026-27 tuition invoice if the following requirements are met:

- 1) Annual student fee for the upcoming year is paid by the annual student fee deadline of **March 20**.
- 2) Family tuition account for preceding year (2025-26) has a zero balance as of June 30, 2026.

**TUITION PAYMENT PLANS:** All family tuition must be paid in one of two ways:

**Plan 1:** Single payment. A 2% full-tuition discount will be applied (if no tuition assistance is received) if tuition is paid in full by August 1 (or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of attendance for a new student). After August 1<sup>st</sup>, a \$5 per week fee will be charged for returning families who miss the August 1 deadline.

**Plan 2:** Monthly payments or other payment plan options made through the FACTS automated bank withdrawal program. Parents may choose to have withdrawals made on either the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of the month over 12-month period, to be paid in full by June 30 (at the end of the school year).

## **REFUNDS**

General tuition is pro-rated by the week and will be refunded on that same basis upon early withdrawal after an Enrollment Cancellation Form is submitted to the Business Office with the following exception: no tuition will be refunded if withdrawal takes place after March 31. There is no refund of the New Student Application Fee, Annual Student Fee, or Sports Fee for early withdrawal or cancelled enrollment.

## **OTHER SCHOOL FEES – Required to be paid up-front by participants**

<b>Sports Fee:</b>	<b>Junior High (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)</b> \$175 per sport (non-football)	<b>Junior High Football</b> \$195
	<b>High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)</b> \$200 per sport (non-football)	<b>High School Football</b> \$250

**Sports fees are due before the first day of practice for that sport.** This fee is not prorated for late entries or withdrawals. Practice uniforms vary in price – coaches will let you know how much they will cost.

**Instrument Rental Fee:** \$100 per year

**Special Course Work Fee:** As determined by instructor each semester

**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE (BSC):** \$3.00 flat fee per morning, per student (rate subject to change)  
Available 7:30 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. for Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **GENERAL**

- All invoices will be emailed to the family email address on file in the Business Office.
- BSC will be invoiced at the beginning of each month for the previous month's charges. Invoices will be emailed between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of the month indicating the payment due date in FACTS.
- For families without FACTS accounts - timely payment by the end of the month is expected and late fees will apply. Payments may be dropped off at the elementary office or mailed to the Business Office.
- Any invoice left unpaid after 30 days will be considered late and is subject to a \$5 late fee.
- Please email or call the Business Office regarding tuition, fees, financial aid, FACTS, invoices, or any other financial-related concern at [bookkeeper@valleychristian.org](mailto:bookkeeper@valleychristian.org) or (406) 549-0482 ext. 205.

# FINANCIAL AID 2026-27



## FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS – general overview

Two main sources of financial assistance are available through an application process for Valley Christian School students:

- 1) ACE Financial Scholarships
- 2) VCS Financial Scholarships (includes VCS SSO Scholarships and VCS Pastor Tuition Scholarships)

## ACE FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ACE is a 501(c)(3) financial grant program. ACE provides children with financial scholarships to private schools in grades PreK-12. **NEW! For 2026-27, the ACE Scholarships application is found on the ACE website below.**

We encourage ALL VCS families who need assistance to apply for ACE Scholarships if they meet the financial guidelines shown in the chart below. ACE scholarships range from \$3,000 (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) to \$4,000 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) annually per student. ACE also awards to preschool and kindergarten students. **This is a potential value of over \$46,400 over 12-14 years for preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade!**

Apply online at: <https://www.acescholarships.org/become-a-scholar/montana/>

ACE application opening date: **February 2, 2026**

ACE application deadline: **April 15, 2026 (strict deadline of 11:59p.m. MST)**

Application Fee: \$10

New Applicants: You must upload 2025 income documentation with your initial application.

**Renewing Applicants: You do not need to upload income documentation – just complete your application & submit!**

Divorced parents: If you are paying tuition, indicate on your application the % you are required to pay.

ACE reviews new families based on total income with regard to the Federal Poverty Guideline.

ACE Scholarships - Financial Guidelines		
Household Size	2026 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG)	ACE Maximum Qualifying Income (350%)
2	\$21,640	\$75,740
3	\$27,320	\$95,620
4	\$33,000	\$115,500
5	\$38,680	\$135,380
6	\$44,360	\$155,260
7	\$50,040	\$175,140
8	\$55,720	\$195,020
9	\$61,400	\$214,900
10	\$67,080	\$234,780

The above graph is to be used as a guide, it DOES NOT guarantee you will be awarded a scholarship.

**Once awarded, an ACE Scholarship will stay with a student regardless of where the student is attending private school.**

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## VCS FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP – One scholarship per student

VCS offers financial scholarships to students of families who qualify. We have two funding sources for the single scholarship process. VCS determines which funding source applies for your student based on the following criteria.

### **Funding source #1 - privately funded qualifications:**

- 1) Only full-day students are eligible (Preschool-12<sup>th</sup>).
- 2) **Families must complete the Grant & Aid application found online through FACTS.**
- 3) New students (new to VCS) must complete and submit the VCS Student Application form and pay the \$200 per student application fee before applying for financial aid online for their financial aid application to be considered by VCS.

### **Funding source #2 - Montana tax-credit scholarships (VCS SSO funding) qualifications:**

- 1) An eligible student is a Montana resident who, during the year of attendance at the QEP (Qualified Education Provider), is 5 years of age or older on or before September 10th and has not yet reached 19 years of age. The student must be entering grades K-12 for the school year applying for.
- 2) Maximum qualifying income is no more than 475% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Guideline.
- 3) **Families must complete the Grant & Aid application found online through FACTS.**
- 4) **A paper application is also required (found on the VCS website or by request).**

To apply for the VCS financial scholarship you must apply through FACTS online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/41873>. FACTS charges a nominal fee for their online application (\$45).

Once you have submitted your complete online application to FACTS and we have received the recommendation from FACTS, we will review the FACTS assessment as well as our qualifying criteria and make a determination based upon the financial scholarship resources available at the school. There is no guarantee that every qualified applicant will receive a financial scholarship. **Financial scholarships are limited; please apply early.**

**For currently-enrolled families**, financial assistance is awarded during the months of February-May. You may pick which deadline month works best for you:

<u>Application Deadline</u> -	<b>Feb. 1</b>	<u>Award Notice Sent</u> –	Feb. 25
	<b>Mar. 1</b>		Mar. 25
	<b>Apr. 1</b>		Apr. 25
	<b>May 1</b>		May 25

VCS financial scholarships are based on percentage (33% maximum) and applied to the family's tuition balance **after other scholarships are deducted**. If ACE is awarded after receiving a VCS financial scholarship, the VCS award will be adjusted based on the remaining balance after the ACE Scholarship is applied.

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