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Rapid City Christian School

**TUITION ASSISTANCE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

There have been improvements to the Rapid City Christian School (RCCS) Tuition Assistance Scholarship (TAS) Program that will make more families eligible. It could also increase the award for families that are currently receiving tuition assistance.

If you are considering enrolling your child at RCCS this fall and will also have children at Calvary Christian School, Memorial Christian School, or Zion Lutheran School, you may be eligible for more tuition assistance for your RCCS child *than ever before*. *Families that only have children at RCCS can still* qualify for assistance just as in the past.

Please take the time to read the attached information about the RCCS Tuition Assistance Scholarship Program to see how you might benefit.

If you have any questions about the Tuition Assistance Scholarship program or about attending RCCS this fall please contact the school at 341-3377.

If you know someone else that is considering RCCS, please pass this important information on to them!

RAPID CITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Rapid City Christian School (RCCS) Tuition Assistance Scholarship program (TAS) is a financial assistance program that helps with the cost of RCCS tuition. It is designed to help families with financial need. The amount of tuition that you pay RCCS and accredited Christian elementary schools will be taken into consideration to determine your assistance on your RCCS tuition. If you have students at accredited Christian elementary schools your potential eligibility for assistance and the amount of that assistance could both increase.

The RCCS Tuition Assistance Scholarship program is funded by generous contributors who believe in making the benefits of Christian education available to deserving families otherwise unable to provide it for their children. Contributors include individuals, businesses, churches, and charitable foundations.

Determining Eligibility

Applicants for tuition assistance must:

- submit an application and undergo an independent analysis by Family Financial Need Assessment (FFNA).
- possess a 2.5 GPA or better from the previous academic semester.
- be students with a clear Christian testimony—an evident life of faith—recognized by the RCCS faculty and administration.
- exhibit behavior—in action and attitude—that demonstrates a spirit of cooperation with the school's policies.

The RCCS Tuition Assistance Committee (TAC) analyzes these parameters and establishes a need ranking of all applicants. The Committee will have the final say on providing aid.

Extent of Aid

The amount of aid is based on need. For the 2009-2010 school year each family could receive a grant of up to 50% of RCCS tuition for students attending RCCS. The Tuition Assistance Committee makes allocations based on available funds as determined by the Board of Trustees annually.

When calculating the potential assistance for a family RCCS will take into consideration the tuition they pay to accredited and approved Christian schools for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Initially the approved schools are Calvary Christian School, Memorial Christian School, and Zion Lutheran School. If a parent wants a different Christian school approved they must make a written request to the TAS Fund committee. The TAS Fund committee will determine its eligibility.

RCCS will take the FFNA percentage of assistance when taking into consideration all eligible school tuition and apply that percentage to the RCCS portion of tuition only. This will result in the amount of TAS Fund assistance.

Parents applying for assistance that include Christian elementary school tuition must prove that their children will be attending the school by submitting a copy of their registration or acceptance form from the elementary school when they submit their RCCS in house form.

(IMPORTANT: See reverse side for examples of assistance available at various income levels)

EXAMPLES OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS INCOME LEVELS

The first chart below would apply to families *that only have students at RCCS*. If your income is within the levels described below, we encourage you to apply, as there is the potential of receiving funds. The lower your income, the more assistance you are likely to receive, up to the maximums shown.

Families with Students only at RCCS

Students at RCCS	RCCS Tuition	Non-RCCS School Tuition	Total Tuition	2008 Income* Up to	Potential TAS Fund Assistance	Potential RCCS Tuition	RCCS Cost on 10mth Plan
1 6th or 7th Grade	2,750	-	2,750	42,000	1,375.00	1,375.00	137.50
1 8th Grade	3,630	-	3,630	42,000	1,815.00	1,815.00	181.50
1 Senior High	5,115	-	5,115	51,150	2,557.50	2,557.50	255.75
1 6th or 7th and 1 SH	7,885	-	7,885	78,850	3,942.50	3,942.50	394.25
1 8th and 1 SH	8,745	-	8,745	87,450	4,372.50	4,372.50	437.25
2 SH and 1 6th/7th Grade	12,980	-	12,980	129,800	6,490.00	6,490.00	649.00

The chart below would apply to families *that have students at both RCCS and at one or more of the approved schools*. The Approved Non-RCCS Tuition will help you qualify for assistance at higher income levels. The Non-RCCS Tuition amounts listed below are just examples of what your Non-RCCS Tuition might be. The amounts used in the calculation will be your “actual” tuition paid to those schools. If your income is within the levels described below, we encourage you to apply, as there is the potential of receiving funds. The lower your income, the more assistance you are likely to receive, up to the maximums shown. For the 2009-2010 school year each family could receive a grant of up to 50% of RCCS tuition for students attending RCCS.

Families with Students at RCCS and at an Approved School (K-5th grade)

Students At RCCS	RCCS Tuition	Approved Non-RCCS School Tuition	Total Tuition	2008 Income* Up to	Potential TAS Fund Assistance	Potential RCCS Tuition	RCCS Cost on 10mth Plan
1 6th or 7th Grade	2,750	3,000	5,750	57,500	1,375.00	1,375.00	137.50
1 8th Grade	3,630	1,000	4,630	46,300	1,815.00	1,815.00	181.50
1 Senior High	5,115	2,000	7,115	71,150	2,557.50	2,557.50	255.75
1 6th or 7th and 1 SH	7,885	3,000	10,885	108,850	3,942.50	3,942.50	394.25
1 8th and 1 SH	8,745	2,000	10,745	107,450	4,372.50	4,372.50	437.25
2 SH and 1 6th/7th Grade	12,980	2,000	14,980	149,800	6,490.00	6,490.00	649.00

* “Income” typically means gross income less donations listed on your tax return. Other factors are involved in the final decision-making process, so income alone does not guarantee eligibility.