

Financial Aid Guidelines

Financial aid eligibility is determined by an outside organization called Family Financial Needs Assessment (FFNA). Applications can be completed online or a paper application can be requested from the SFCA office once you have enrolled your child. Before submitting your application to FFNA, please be aware of the following guidelines to be eligible for assistance. In order to qualify, you must be able to adhere to the policies established by the Board to receive financial aid.

1. Applicant must be the parent or legal guardian of the student. The parent or legal guardian must also be the individual paying the tuition.
2. Applicant must show a need for financial aid for a Christian education beyond their monthly budget.
3. Receipt of financial aid for any given year does not assure continued awards for future years. You must reapply each year and demonstrate continued financial need.
4. Students who are receiving the benefit of financial aid must maintain a 2.0 grade point average based on semester grades. If they do not maintain passing grades they will automatically lose their financial aid.

How to apply for financial aid for Southwest Florida Christian Academy:

1. Parent(s) must complete the SFCA registration package and pay the enrollment and application fees to hold each student a seat.
2. Once the registration package is completed and the enrollment and application fee is paid, SFCA will provide the parent with a financial aid application to send to Family Financial Needs Assessment (FFNA), or the parent may complete an online application at www.ffna1.com. There is a \$2.00 fee for the paper packet to cover the costs of the documents.
3. The applicant will complete the financial aid application and mail to FFNA with a \$20.00 application fee for normal processing. The applicant can also use the on-line application for \$30.00. There is a fast back response for \$40.00 for applications sent close to the deadline.
4. Financial aid applications must be **received by FFNA by April 15**, in order to give a response to SFCA by April 30.
5. The SFCA Financial Aid Committee takes the recommendations from FFNA and meets in early May to determine the amount to be distributed to each applicant based on the available funds.
6. The applicant will be notified by mail at the end of May with the award amount the family will receive for the upcoming school year.
7. Applications submitted to FFNA after the April 15 deadline *may* be considered for financial aid *if funds are still available*, and the amount may be a reduced percentage.