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Monticello Christian Academy
Financial Accessibility Policy
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Monticello Christian Academy serves the needs of the local community by providing access to affordable Christian education for preschool and kindergarten age children. The school's mission is to bring education to life by delivering a Christ-centered, child-friendly curriculum that prepares students for success academically, spiritually, and socially.

Our school board and administrator work hard to smartly and compassionately deploy the financial resources of the organization. While our mission is to provide affordable Christian education, we also strive to deliver high-quality learning experiences for all of our students. This requires a fiscal management approach that balances the long-term health of the school with the short-term financial needs of our school family.

To deliver on its mission, MCA offers several tuition assistance programs that provide financial options for our students and their families.

- **Scholarships for students:** The tuition scholarship program provides a long-term commitment of support based on ongoing financial need for the family of a student or prospective student. The MCA school board reviews applications for scholarships throughout the academic year, though priority is given to requests received at the start of the school year. The school raises funds for the scholarship program as a demonstration of support from both the school and the community.
- **Emergency financial assistance:** This program provides relief for families experiencing unexpected financial hardship, such as job loss or medical emergency. Families may apply for a temporary tuition discount to help them navigate the strain of an unanticipated financial need. The school board evaluates requests on their individual merit but attempts to use a consistent framework that balances compassion, precedence, and available scholarship funds. Families are encouraged to apply for emergency assistance as soon as the need arises in order to preserve as many options as possible.
- **Standard tuition discounts:** In addition to scholarships that help families with extra financial need, the school has developed a set of standardized discounts broadly available. These discounts do not require board review and are available to help make our school as financially accessible as possible. Options include:
 - o Discounts for families with more than one student enrolled at the school
 - o Discounts for pre-payment of tuition
 - o Discounts for MCA teachers
 - o Discounts for local pastoral staff