



FUNDING A ROCKFORD CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

The TAP Program is a need-based financial assistance program funded by the families and donors at Rockford Christian Schools. These tuition assistance grants are determined on an annual basis and families must apply each year in order to be considered. Families needing financial assistance must complete an application form and submit \$35 non-refundable application fee to the FACTS Company.

For your convenience, the application form can be found online at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid> .

You will need the following FACTS Support information (uploaded in PDF format):

- W-2 forms (both parents if applicable)
- Recent 1040 Federal Tax Returns
- Any Documentation for other income (Child Support; Welfare, Workers Compensation, or Social Security income)

Completed application will be reviewed by Rockford Christian Schools. Tuition assistance is based upon the information submitted, funding availability, and other relevant factors as established by Rockford Christian Schools.

Please note that while Rockford Christian School offers tuition assistance to families, we believe that tuition payments are an investment in each child's education and religious formation.

Each family **is expected to pay least 70% of each student's tuition**. Most students receiving TAP receive between \$500 and \$1500 per year.

Awarded Rockford Christian Schools tuition assistance is assigned to the individual students based on their expected tuition cost. Rockford Christian Schools reserves the right to proportionally change awarded amounts based on final tuition cost for each student.

Families with multiple students receiving Rockford Christian Schools tuition assistance **cannot** transfer awarded amounts between students without approval from Rockford Christian Schools.

The act of submitting a tuition assistance application does not guarantee that tuition assistance will be awarded.

Questions on how to complete the form can be answered by calling the FACTS Helpline directly at 1-866-315-9262.

The scholarships offered through this program could cover as much as 30 percent of tuition. Please visit www.rockfordchristian.org/admission for more information. Additional information about the tuition assistance program, may be obtained by contact Ruth Brick at (779)771-7924 or ruth.brick@rockfordchristian.org .



Assistance Opportunities Outside RCS

EDWARD SHARP LOW INCOME AND MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Edward Sharp Low Income and Minority Scholarship is a need-based scholarship funded by the family of Edward Sharp in his memory. Money is available to low income and minority students who wish to attend Rockford Christian Schools but need financial assistance to help pay tuition costs.

To be considered for An Edward Sharp Low Income and Minority Scholarship, please complete applicable questions within the online TAP Application and agree to adhere to the following term:

- This scholarship is for one year only but can be applied for and received subsequent years if a Tuition Assistance Program application has been turned in.
- Students must:
 - Maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average (C+)
 - Grade point and continuance of the scholarship will be reviewed at semester (December)
 - Be involved in one or more extra-curricular activities
 - Meet monthly with Terry Gulley, a trustee of the scholarship fund
 - Sign a contract to the terms stated above.

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DIANE BERTRAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Diane Bertrand Science, Technology, and Humanities Center is dedicated in memory of Diane J. Bertrand whose love for teaching at Rockford Christian Schools extended over 27 years. Diane had a God given ability to create a contagious excitement for students for learning about science through hands on exploration. Diane used her talent to glorify God by teaching students to see God's plan in nature's smallest details. It is the desire of the Bertrand family to further the recognition of Diane's service and devotion to Rockford Christian Schools, the mission, students and faculty through the Diane Bertrand Memorial Scholarship.

As a part of the Tuition Assistance Program, Rockford Christian Schools will provide the Bertrand Family with a list of qualified candidates. The Bertrand Family will then select three candidates to receive the Diane Bertrand Memorial Scholarship for the applicable school year. To be considered for a Diane Bertrand Memorial Scholarship, please complete applicable questions within the online TAP Application.

The scholarships offered through this program could cover as much as 30 percent of tuition. Please visit www.rockfordchristian.org/admission for more information. Additional information about the tuition assistance program, may be obtained by contact Ruth Brick at (779)771-7924 or ruth.brick@rockfordchristian.org .

IN GOD WE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

In God We Trust is a needs-based scholarship funded by a single parent family of Rockford Christian alumna. With the help of God and others, this parent was able to maintain a Christian education for her child for all years (K - 12) in spite of living on a lower income, including two or more years at poverty level. As a former scholarship recipient family, this scholarship is meant to provide encouragement and financial assistance for a family who may not otherwise afford a private Christian education.

To be considered for the In God We Trust Scholarship, please complete applicable questions within the online TAP Application. Preference is given to the following:

- Single parent household
- One or two parent family currently facing hardship due to a cancer diagnosis
- Those with a proven dedication to trusting God for the provision of a Christian education, in spite of their worldly circumstances.

The scholarships offered through this program will cover \$1,200 toward tuition. Please visit www.rockfordchristian.org/admission for more information. Additional information about the tuition assistance program, may be obtained by contact Ruth Brick at (779)771-7924 or ruth.brick@rockfordchristian.org.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS “Invest in Kids Act”

Invest in Kids is a state-funded scholarship program for Illinois children enrolled in private school. The scholarships offered through this program could cover as much as 50 to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges.

To Apply, visit <https://empowerillinois.org/apply/>

SCRIP PROGRAM

What is Scrip? Local and national retailers sell gift cards to Rockford Christian at a discount. Family and friends can purchase Scrip cards through Rockford Christian, in person or online. The profit you earn through Scrip can be applied to any school expense. Please see the attached information sheet. For more information or a question regarding the Scrip Program please contact Valerie Piasecki at (779) 771-7909 or Val.piasecki@rockfordchristian.org