

Dear Zion Families,

Our mission is to provide quality Christian education by Building Foundations and Transforming Lives in Christ. Together we cultivate an environment where students grow in God's Word, establish and grow their faith, and develop a lasting relationship with Christ.

Private Christian education is expensive and without support may be out-of-reach for many families. Zion is almost entirely funded by tuition payments from families and through our donations to our Annual Fund. Zion does not receive regular government funding to run our school.

Paying for private school education is the responsibility of each family. We encourage families to seek financial support from other sources when possible, including their home church, grandparents and family members or other personal income or savings.

Zion has been granting financial aid to families in need for many years and will continue to do so. Having a diverse community including families from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds is important to having a well-rounded student body. Our school board sets the amount of financial aid to families each year based on known needs. These amounts fluctuate from year to year as we anticipate changes to enrollment and staffing.

We have implemented a new financial aid process for the 2023-2024 school year. In order to apply for financial aid, families will need to walk through a new process via the financial aid portal on our online accounting system, TADS. There is a non-refundable \$60 application fee for TADS to process each financial aid application. Financial aid is only offered to current families.

Information on accessing this portal is found here:

<https://sssandtadsfa.force.com/familyportal>

sssandtadsfa@communitybrands.com phone 800-344-8328

When applying families will need to make sure they are prepared to upload tax returns, W-2s, 1040s, 1099s, and potentially include additional documents such as mortgage statements, bank statements, pay stubs, documents pertaining to corporate, partnership or business household who owns interest in a corporation, partnership or business. An application is considered complete when all requested documents are uploaded to the TADS portal. Formulas will take into account the number of children per household, other dependents, all sources of income, priority of spending, debts, and expenses.

Applications are due by April 1st, which will allow the school board time to process the applications and grant financial aid awards for the following school year. If you have any questions about this process please reach out to Robin Reed at ***Bookkeeper@zionls.org***.

Thank you for partnering with Zion for your students' education!

In Christ,

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