

Tuition & Fees Information

The actual cost of educating one student per year at Lutheran High School is almost \$10,000. As you can see below, the tuition rate is significantly less than the actual cost.

Tuition (2004-2005)

The tuition rate for 2004-2005 has not increased from the 2003-2004 rate.

Tuition (as of April 1)	\$6735
Tuition (prior to February 14)	\$6535
Tuition (February 14 - March 31)	\$6635

The date the registration fee is received guarantees the tuition rate.

Non-U.S.A. resident tuition	\$8000
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Tuition is collected through the SMART Tuition Management Plan. (The first tuition payment will be assessed in June 2004. See the SMART application for more details.)

Fees

Registration Fee (non-refundable, due with application)	\$150
Curriculum and Supplies Fee (due by March 31)	\$250

The final amounts of several other fees that are assessed will not be set until the budget is finalized for the 2004-2005 school year (in late spring). As a point of information, a number of those fees are listed here, with the amount for the 2003-2004 school year listed in parenthesis: athletic fees (\$150 per sport), Parent-Friend Association fee (\$10), parking fee (\$15 for students who drive to school), and Parent Involvement Program Fee (\$200, which is credited back to the tuition account once a set number of parent volunteer hours are completed). Questions about these fees can be directed to Diane Ott-Hager, LHS Ministry Team Manager, at 952-854-0224, ext. 115, or diane.ott-hager@lutheranhighschool.com.

Tuition Policies

- The \$150 non-refundable registration fee is due when the application is submitted. The date this fee is received locks in the tuition rate for the year.
- The \$250 curriculum and supplies fee covers the cost of items such as standardized testing, lab materials, general class supplies, school publications, etc. This fee is due by March 31. This fee can be paid at the same time as the registration fee. It is refundable prior to July 1.
- All families will be enrolled in the SMART tuition payment program unless full-tuition payment for the year accompanies the student's application.
- All tuition payments (except for a full-tuition payment) must be made directly to SMART. The school office does not accept tuition payments (except for full-tuition payments).
- Payments for the school year begin in June. Families wishing to pay monthly will be able to make 12 installments from June to May the following year.
- Late fees assessed by SMART will not be waived unless arrangements are made through the school office prior to the due date.



Financial Aid Information

Tuition assistance is available to families demonstrating financial need. Approximately 35% of LHS families receive some kind of need-based tuition assistance. The funds for financial aid come from tuition, congregational and donor designated gifts, grants, and scholarships. Financial aid is provided based on the funds available, donor designation, and the number of requests made.

All financial aid applications must be submitted by March 19, 2004.

Before an applicant can qualify for financial aid at LHS, his or her family must do the following:

- **Submit Tuition Aid Data Service (TADS) forms by March 19, 2004.**
TADS forms are available in the LHS office.
- **Pay the 2004-2005 registration fee for the academic year.**
- **Submit the scholarship application and responses to the essay questions.**
The scholarship application and essay can be downloaded at www.lutheranhighschool.com/admissions. It is also available from the office.
- **Attend a Financial Aid Answer Session on January 18 (at the open house), February 18, or March 9.**
Families who inquire about LHS after March 9 and wish to apply for financial aid must call Diane Ott-Hager at 952-854-0224, ext. 115, or email her at diane.ott-hager@lutheranhighschool.com.

Congregational Aid and Special Grants

Congregational aid and special grants help defer tuition costs. Each family must make their own application/arrangements to secure any congregational funding. Volunteers and staff at LHS are always seeking ways to bring gifts and grants to families at LHS. In the past, General Motors Acceptance Company Program - Residential Funding Corporation (GMAC RFC), The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), Minnesota Independent School Forum (MISF), and other local and national agencies, have provided grants which were exclusively designated for tuition benefit. Funds are being sought for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Work-Study Program

The Work-Study Program grants tuition assistance for hours worked in service to the school. Tasks around the building and grounds include cleaning, clerical assistance, food service work, maintenance, and repair. Work is completed during study hall, before or after school, on Saturday work days, and during special events. Some of the work is time/situation/event specific. Students will be contacted by the coordinator of the Work Study Program.

Endowments and Scholarships

The endowments and scholarships all identify Christian character, solid academic standing, and progress toward graduation as foundational requirements for qualification. Scholarships must be applied for on an annual basis, unless otherwise stated. Scholarships available for the 2004-2005 academic year include:

Allen Fund

"Superior academic ability and merit" are the primary criteria for this award.

Founders Endowment

This was initially established as a memorial fund for the founders of the LHS association.

Faye Erickson Memorial

These funds are distributed to any incoming freshman who is a graduate from Mt. Calvary Lutheran School.

Lyle M. Hansemann Memorial

Funds for this scholarship come from the annual spring Lyle M. Hansemann Memorial Golf Tournament.

Pamela Dobberpuhl Kingman Memorial

This is awarded to an incoming freshman with demonstrated interest in English and/or drama. This scholarship is intended to be a four-year scholarship.

Kopp Family Foundation

From their Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) fund, these funds are designated to a student who has significant financial need.

Lutheran Community Endowment

Funds for this scholarship are managed through the Lutheran Community Foundation, based in Minneapolis.

Ilene Marose Memorial

Recipients of these funds must be incoming freshmen who are graduates from a Lutheran grade school and have been involved in a variety of school activities.

Marvin T. Nystrom Endowment

Gifts are given to students making good academic progress.

Phillip Kuhlman Fund

Two scholarships are awarded in recognition of academic excellence in the areas of mathematics and science. Juniors receive the scholarship for tuition benefit during their senior year.

Paul Scheffert Service Award

In recognition of excellence and Christian leadership in school, church, and community, the recipient (a current LHS student) determines to which LHS program this \$500.00 gift is designated.

Karl and Lorna Tittl Family Endowment

The recipient must be considering professional church work.

Important Financial Aid Dates

February 18 **Financial Aid Answer Session / School Tour**

March 9 **Financial Aid Answer Session / School Tour**

March 19 **Deadline for submitting Financial Aid Application and Essay, TADS applications, and TADS documentation, such as income tax forms.**

We request that families make every effort to complete their 2003 tax return for submission to TADS, because it will speed up the interview process (see below). However, the tax return from 2002 may be submitted to TADS and will qualify as meeting the submission deadline. Any award based on a tax return from any year other than 2003 may be contingent on receipt by TADS of the 2003 form and may be changed once TADS updates the information from the more current tax year.

April 13 – 24 **Financial Aid Interviews so the Finance Committee can be as fair as possible.**

A member of the finance team will call to set up an appointment based on the order your request has been submitted to TADS. The tentative dates (depending on interest and the number of people applying for aid) are:

Tuesday, April 13	6:30 - 9:30 PM
Thursday, April 15	6:30 - 9:30 PM
Wednesday, April 21	6:30 - 9:30 PM
Saturday, April 24	9:00 - 12:00 NOON

April 30 **Final target date to send financial aid awards to applicants.**

May 15 **Deadline for families to accept or reject the offer of financial aid.**

All tuition accounts are set up on the SMART tuition payment system.

June **Payments for the school year begin.**

Families wishing to pay monthly will be able to make 12 installments from June to May the following year.

Questions About Financial Aid?

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