

## *Athens Bible School Financial Aid Policy and Procedure*

We believe enrollment in our school should not be limited to only those who can pay full tuition. Our financial aid program enables us to assist many deserving students who could not otherwise afford to attend.

Athens Bible School does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, disability or national origin. All families who need financial aid are encouraged to apply for this aid.

Students applying for aid should present a strong record of good conduct, academic performance, and involvement in extra-curricular activities appropriate to their grade level and age.

The total amount of aid available depends on anticipated donations, fundraisers, endowments, enrollment, and the evaluation of financial aid applications for the upcoming school year. All families receiving aid are expected to pay part of the cost of tuition.

Applications must be resubmitted annually and are evaluated by the Financial Aid Committee. This committee consists of two or three members of the Board of Directors. The committee will ensure confidentiality is maintained. \*The following checklist will help you ensure your application is completed on time:

In February, you may obtain financial aid application materials from the Main Office. Read these materials carefully. Complete the Parent's Financial Statement (PFS) form from the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS), or you may register on-line at [www.nais.org/financialaid/sss](http://www.nais.org/financialaid/sss). **Our school code is 1416.** This service in Princeton, New Jersey performs evaluations for over 1300 private schools and provides a fair and equitable method for determining financial need. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Joseph Olson, President. (256) 232-5478.

By May 15 provide to the Main Office a copy of PFS form and a copy of your complete Federal Income Tax return (including all forms and W-2's) for the preceding year including the tax return of both natural parents. We will consider the assets of both natural parents before making any awards and cannot be bound by the assertion that one parent has disclaimed responsibility for educational expenses. If the custodial parent has remarried, we will also consider the assets of the stepparent, bearing in mind the obligation of stepparents to their own natural children.

By mid-July, the Financial Aid Committee will determine awards, and you will be notified of the results by mail shortly thereafter.

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