Financial Aid FAQ

Where does the funding for financial aid come from?
Funding for need-based financial aid is made possible by the support and generosity of the Diocese of Orange, donors and benefactors to Mater Dei, and the school’s endowment fund.

Do you offer athletic or academic scholarships?
Mater Dei High School does not offer academic or athletic scholarships. Financial aid is need-based only.

What does financial aid cover?
Financial aid covers tuition. It does not cover the non-refundable registration fee, technology use fee, books, uniforms, lunch, or other incidental fees.

Do you offer financing or loan options?
No, Mater Dei High School does not offer financing or loan options.

What is the average award? What is the maximum award?
The need-based financial aid program at Mater Dei varies based on each family’s need and income. Therefore, award information is confidential.

When/how, can I get an application?
1. Applications for the 2018-19 school year will be available beginning November 17, 2017. Families can review and download the application at https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3CZRQ. A limited number of hard copy applications are also available for pick up in the Business Office and Office of Advancement beginning November 17, 2017 as well. Due to the limited number of paper applications, we strongly encourage you to apply on-line. This year, our financial aid application has been customized and anyone sending in a paper application, even if you send in all of the required tax documentation, will be considered incomplete and this may impact the amount of financial aid you are eligible to receive until you log into the application and answer the customized questions. You may do this at the following link https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3CZRQ. Need-based financial aid is available to qualified families on a first-come, first-served basis. Mater Dei High School does not offer academic or athletic scholarships.

Where do I submit my completed application?
Send completed financial aid packets with supplementary documents (2017 Federal Tax Return and 2017 W2s) along with processing fee to:

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment
P.O. Box 82524
Lincoln, NE 68501-2524
What is the deadline for submission?
The deadline to submit financial aid applications to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is **February 16, 2018**. FACTS **WILL** continue to accept and review applications submitted after this date. However, because the program is first-come, first-served, we **strongly** recommend that families apply by the deadline and submit all documents in good order. FACTS will **ONLY** review completed applications with ALL supporting documents required.

What if I have not completed my taxes before the deadline, can I still apply?
Families who do not meet the financial aid deadline are welcome to apply. However, because the program is first-come, first-served, it is strongly recommended that families work to the financial aid deadline of February 16, 2018.

I am not planning or am unable to file a tax return. Am I still able to apply for financial aid and if yes, what documents will I need to provide?
Yes, you can still apply for financial aid. However, because you do not file a tax return for FACTS Grant & Aid to evaluate, you must explain in detail how you are able to live on a daily basis and provide for your family based on the amount of income you provide. For example, if you are receiving Alimony, Child Support, Disability Income, Social Security Income, Worker's Compensation, Food Stamps, Welfare, Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF), Housing Assistance, recently sold a business or home, inherited money, or if you receive income from renting a room out in your home, please provide the necessary documentation to show proof of this income.

I have extenuating circumstances where should I note those on the financial aid form?
Families with extenuating circumstances can note these on the financial aid application under Assets & Liabilities, Change of Income/Additional Information or they may upload a separate piece of paper if needed for your explanation.

You may also use the space provided on the financial aid application to add any information or comments which you feel might be helpful in determining your family's qualification for tuition assistance. You may also upload a separate piece of paper if needed for your explanation.

How and when am I notified of my financial aid award?
**How You’re Notified**
Families receive two notifications regarding financial aid:
1. A notification to set up your FACTS Tuition Management Account, which includes your financial aid award.

**When you’re notified**
Incoming freshmen families who meet the admissions deadline (December 13, 2017) and submit the completed application to FACTS on or before **February 16, 2018** should know of their admissions and financial aid status during registration that takes place in April 2018. Please make your tax appointments early (for your 2017 taxes) if you wish to be notified of your financial aid status by April 2018.

Please note: If you are requesting the Catholic tuition rate, you must submit the Parish Verification Form or a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate to the admissions office by February 16, 2018. **If you provide proof of your child being baptized Catholic and are awarded**
financial aid after the deadline, we will adjust your financial aid award by $1,400 which is the difference between the Catholic and Non-Catholic tuition rate.

Notification of financial aid status for **returning families** who submit their paperwork to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment in good order by the February 16 deadline should occur in April/May 2018.

**Do I have to apply for financial aid every year?**
Yes. Because financial circumstances can change from year to year, all families must reapply for financial aid each year by the published deadlines.

**I am waiting to hear about financial aid before I apply for admission to Mater Dei.**
All incoming freshmen families seeking financial aid must also have applied for admission for their child. Review the process and download an application packet at [www.materdei.org/admissions](http://www.materdei.org/admissions). Admission to Mater Dei is based on a student’s academic performance and character.

**Does Mater Dei offer a payment plan?**
Yes. We offer four different payment plan options: 12 monthly payments; 10 monthly payments; 2 semi-annual payments; or 1 annual payment. You will choose your payment plan option during the registration process.

**How do I accept my financial aid package and confirm my child’s enrollment into Mater Dei High School?**
Registration is the process in which families (incoming freshmen and returning) formally commit to sending their child to Mater Dei High School. Registration takes place in April of each year. Families will receive communication from the Business Office via e-mail regarding their FACTS Tuition Management Account, the coming year’s tuition amount, and the financial aid package (if applicable).

In order to confirm enrollment and accept your financial aid award, families must designate their desired payment plan (as described above) in their FACTS account and make a non-refundable deposit by the registration deadline. During registration, families must also complete and/or update important contact information in their student’s record to ensure what we have on file is accurate.

Should you choose not to enroll your child in the fall, we kindly request you let us know in writing at admissions@materdei.org during the tuition agreement and final registration process so that we may reallocate financial aid to another family in need.