

**Dayspring Christian Academy  
Tuition and Fees  
2019-2020 School Year**

It is a priority of Dayspring Christian Academy to carefully manage finances in a manner that will keep the Christian school option as affordable as possible for Christian families. We work very hard to provide your children a Christ centered education at a reasonable cost. After much prayer and consideration, the School Board has developed the following tuition and fees for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Tuition**

**The year's tuition is payable monthly over a 12-month period.** For the school to meet its financial obligations, it is important that all tuition payments be made on time.

**Base Tuition Costs:**

Kindergarten (K4 & K5)	\$5,000.00 annually	\$416.67 monthly
Elementary (1st-5th Grade)	\$5,820.00 annually	\$485.00 monthly
Middle School (6th-8th Grade)	\$6,060.00 annually	\$505.00 monthly
High School (9th-12th Grade)	\$6,300.00 annually	\$525.00 monthly

Fees associated with Stanford Testing (standardized testing) services are included in the above tuition costs. There is an annual Smart Tuition administrative fee (\$50.00) payable to Smart Tuition with your first payment in June 2019.

All Enrollment and Application Fees are to be paid when your application is submitted. Once accepted for enrollment, these fees are non-refundable.

**Additional Fees:**

<b>Application Fees (non-refundable)</b>	\$25.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> student) \$10.00 (each additional student) <b>Due with application</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Fee</b>	\$50 per student (\$100 max per family) <b>Due at time of enrollment</b>
<b>New Student Enrollment Fees (non-refundable)</b>	\$200.00 per student <b>Due with application</b>
<b>Book Fees</b>	\$150.00 per student <b>(Due by August 1, 2019)</b>
<b>Smart Administrative Fee</b>	\$50.00 per family <b>(Due June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, paid to Smart)</b>
<b>Sports Fees</b>	\$175.00 per sport <b>Fall sports fees due August 1, 2019</b> <b>Winter sports fees due November 1, 2019</b> <b>Spring sports fees due March 1, 2020</b>

## **General Information**

To apply for enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year, simply fill out an application, return it to the Dayspring school office with the appropriate application and enrollment fees, and then schedule an appointment to meet with the principal for an admissions interview.

Upon acceptance, you will be sent an enrollment confirmation letter along with information regarding your tuition payment schedule, tuition discounts (see information below), and tuition payment amounts for the 2019-2020 school year.

## **Concerned about the tuition costs?**

No child is denied admission to Dayspring for financial reasons only. Therefore, student aid is available for families who wish to enroll their child(ren) in Dayspring. The school will do whatever is possible and/or necessary to assist families with appropriate student aid.

## **Base Tuition Discounts**

At Dayspring there are several different tuition discounts. Each/all discounts are taken off the base tuition amount (includes all children within a family's non-discounted tuition). The discounts do not add together or accumulate. They are calculated in the order listed.

## **New for school year 2019-2020 \$1,000 discount for new families!**

Multi-child discount: Families that enroll more than one student at DCA are given a 10% discount. If a family's base tuition bill was \$12,000, then that family would receive a \$1,200 discount, making their adjusted tuition \$10,800

Full-Time Ministry Discount (full time ministers, church youth directors, campus ministers, Missionaries, etc.): Full-time ministry families pay 50% of the base tuition regardless of the number of students.

Student Aid: To qualify for need-based student aid families must apply through FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) FAST reviews tax returns etc. and recommends an amount for student aid to help make tuition affordable. See details about applying to FAST below.

**Families may only take advantage of the program that offers the greatest tuition discount.**

Contact the school office with any questions about tuition discounts.

## **FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition)**

FAST is DCA's process for applying for need-based financial aid. FAST does not decide whether financial assistance will be given or how much to give; rather, FAST provides a need-based financial aid analysis service which includes a recommendation of what a family should reasonably contribute toward tuition. You can access the application by clicking on the FAST icon on the DCA website.

\*The charge for the FAST application is \$45.00 paid by credit card at the end of the session. If you do not have a credit card & would like to purchase a voucher to pay your application fee, please contact Donna Wood (dwood.dca@gmail.com).

\*Please complete the FAST-financial aid application for the school year 2019/2020 as soon as possible after received notification of you student's acceptance into DCA.

\*After completing the online application, you will be required to submit your 2018 tax returns for both state and federal taxes with all schedules and W-2's. You will receive an email from FAST with specific instruction as to how to upload these documents direct on the FAST website.

At Dayspring we strive to keep your financial information as private as possible. Details about your account are kept in the strictest of confidence. Only bookkeeper Donna Wood, administrator Dug Hampton, accountant Richard Langford and the DCA Treasurer have access to individual family's account information.

## **Setting Up Your Tuition Payments**

### **Payment Options**

DCA has once again partnered with Smart Tuition to collect tuition for the upcoming school year. There are several payment options available for 2019-2020.

- 1) Monthly electronic fund transfer from your bank account (checking or savings)
- 2) Receiving a monthly invoice from Smart Tuition with the options of paying by check, your bank's bill pay service, by credit card (extra fee applies), by telephone, mobile app, in cash at participating 7-Eleven or Family Dollar locations
- 3) Pre-paying tuition in its entirety prior to June 30, 2019
- 4) Two semester payments due June 30, 2019 and January 15, 2020

### **Payment Due Dates**

Monthly tuition payments are payable to (Smart Tuition) no later than the 30th of each month starting June 30th and continuing through May 30th. A \$25.00 late fee is charged for tuition payments that are received 10 days after the due date.

### **Tuition Refunds**

Because decisions regarding numbers of teachers, aides, and other support personnel are based on projected annual enrollments, students are enrolled for the entire school year.

Tuition costs are calculated based on the entire year; therefore, no reductions are made for school holidays or vacations within any given month. No tuition deductions or refunds will be made due to student absences for any reason during the school year, regardless of the cause of such absence. A completed, signed application represents a contract between the school and family. This obligates the family to pay the balance of annual tuition fees if a student voluntarily withdraws from the school for any reason after the first day of school. The unpaid portion of book fees must be paid upon withdrawal from school. At the discretion of the DCA School Board, the balance of the annual tuition may be waived for upon written request from the family.

## **Additional Information**

### **Parental Participation in School Activities**

The Bible clearly teaches that parents have the primary and ultimate responsibility for training and educating their own children. A distinctive characteristic of Christian education is that the Christian school works in cooperation with the home, with parents, to assist parents in the training of their children.

Parents are expected to be involved in all aspects of Academy life. Many of our activities are made possible by the voluntary efforts of parents and other individuals. The reason Dayspring Christian Academy has been able to offer a lower tuition rate is that many people give freely of their time, over and above tuition payments.

Parental involvement in the operations of the school does much to ensure that our educational program is a rich, total learning experience for each student. Some of the activities of parent-student interaction relate directly to the classroom education of the student, such as assisting the teacher in the preparation of class materials, grading papers, monitoring exams, and assisting from time-to-time in classroom instruction. Other activities include serving as a driver or chaperone on school field trips, helping in the assembly of instructional equipment, working with the students to prepare the Academy yearbook, and working together with the students in the organization and carrying out of school-based social activities.

### **Volunteerism Statement**

Dayspring Christian Academy is a parent owned and parent run Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade Christian School. As such, parental involvement in the operation and mission of the school is of paramount importance. We both encourage and covet that involvement. "The body is a unit though it is made up of many parts," and Dayspring Christian Academy relies upon each family to play their role in both the education of their children and the efficient functioning of their school. The school's goals of academic excellence, spiritual balance, and physical well-being are only achievable with support and input from the entire Dayspring family. This involvement is the responsibility of each family at Dayspring, and it is incumbent upon each of us to do our portion for one another.

### **Service Requirements**

The Dayspring Christian Academy School Board requires that the members of each DCA family contribute a minimum of 50 documentable service hours to the school during the school year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020). These 50 service hours will be required of all families. If for some reason a family prefers not to serve the 50-hour minimum, they may choose to pay \$25 per hour for each service hour not contributed to DCA.

Families will log and keep track of their service hours through the school office and these hours will be tracked on RenWeb. The Service Hours Log can be found in the "Family Information" tab on the home screen of RenWeb ParentsWeb.

If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent a family from serving their hours, an appeal for relief may be made directly to the DCA School Board.

\*Possible areas of service include;

- Participation at VA Tech home football games in the DCA Concession stand
- Chaperoning DCA Field Trips or Retreats
  - Charges for these trips may apply
- Substitute Teaching
  - (unpaid - requires admin appointment and approval)
- Assistance with classes or labs
  - (unpaid - requires admin appointment and approval)
- Participating with lunch oversight
  - Elementary lunch moms and dads
  - MS or HS lunch supervision
- Proctoring Study Halls or manning campus oversight positions
  - (requires admin appointment and approval)

Coaching athletic or academic teams  
(requires admin appointment and approval)  
Overseeing athletics concessions and admissions  
Other athletic assignments such as  
Security and clean up  
Clock operations etc.  
Driving and chaperoning athletic/academic team trips  
School cleaning and maintenance projects

\* This is not an exhaustive list of volunteer opportunities at Dayspring, and many volunteer activities require a security background check, a motor vehicle records check, proof of automotive insurance, or other applicable security measures as deemed necessary and imposed by DCA.

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

Dayspring Christian Academy admits students of any race, sex, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of the educational policies, scholarship programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.