

**Dayspring Christian Academy
Tuition and Fees
2023-2024 School Year**

It is a priority of Dayspring Christian Academy (“DCA”) 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 with a Christ-centered education at a reasonable cost. DCA's leadership has been faced with the challenge of meeting and covering expenses while still considering the economic burden families are experiencing. After much prayer and consideration, the Dayspring Christian Academy School Board (“DCA Board”) has decided to increase tuition rates for the upcoming school year. Please note the following tuition and fees for the 2023-2024 school year listed below

Tuition

Yearly tuition is payable in monthly installments over 12 months, by semester, or in a full-year payment. For the school to meet its financial obligations, all tuition payments must be made on time. Failure to make payments on time may result in penalties and/or additional fees assessed through tuition management software

Kindergarten (K4 & K5)	\$5,400.00 annually	\$450.00 monthly
Elementary (1st-5th Grade)	\$6,120.00 annually	\$510.00 monthly
Middle School (6th-8th Grade)	\$6,360.00 annually	\$530.00 monthly
High School (9th-12th Grade)	\$6,600.00 annually	\$550.00 monthly

Base Tuition Costs:

Standardized testing fees are included in the above tuition costs.. All re-enrollment fees are to be paid at the time of your child’s re-enrollment. These fees are non-refundable. There is a \$50 administrative fee added to your first month’s tuition if you exercise the monthly payment option for tuition.

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Additional Fees:

Fee Name	Cost	Due Date(s)	Remit Payment to
Re-Enrollment	\$100.00/student	On or before 3/31/2023	DCA
	\$150.00/student	4/1/2023-5/15/2023	DCA
	\$200.00/student	After 5/15/2023	DCA
New Enrollment	\$200.00/student	At time of enrollment	DCA
Emergency/ Improvement Fee	\$50.00/student (\$100.00 max per family)	At time of Re-enrollment	DCA
Book Fee	\$150.00	On or before 8/1/2023	DCA
	\$175.00	After 8/1/2023	DCA
Administrative Fee	\$50.00/family	6/30/2023	Tuition Collection Company
Fall Sports Fee	\$200/student	After 8/01/2023	DCA
Winter Sports Fee	\$200/student	After 11/01/2023	DCA
Spring Sports Fee	\$200/student	After 3/01/2024	DCA

Sports fees are only for students who sign up to play a sport.

General Information

For this document, the terms “parent(s)” and “family(ies)” are used interchangeably and refer to any adult caregiver or group of caregivers who is of the primary responsibility of a student or students at DCA, this may include, but not be limited to grandparents, foster parents, and extended family members or other guardians. “Family” may also mean any student(s) and parent(s) inclusively.

Tuition Costs Concerns

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. 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.

Multi-child discount: Families that enroll more than one student at DCA are given a 10% discount. For example, 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, W2 forms, 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 processing service 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 how much a family should reasonably contribute toward tuition. The FAST application can be accessed by clicking on the FAST icon on the DCA website. Notes: The FAST application requires a \$45.00 fee paid by credit card at the end of the session. If you do not have a credit card and would like

to purchase a voucher to pay your application fee, please contact Dug Hampton (dug.hampton@dcamail.org). The Deadline for the FAST financial aid application for the school year 2023/2024 is March 31, 2023. After completing the FAST application, you will be required to submit your 2021 tax returns for both state and federal taxes with all schedules and W-2s. An email from FAST will be provided with specific instructions as to how to upload relevant documents securely and directly to the FAST website. If tax documents are not available by this deadline, the FAST application may not be finalized until pending information is processed. At DCA, your financial information shall remain as private as possible. Details about your account are kept in the strictest of confidence. Only a limited number of individuals including Administrator Dug Hampton, external Accountant Richard Langford, and the acting DCA Treasurer have access to any individual family's account information.

Tuition Refunds

Because decisions regarding the 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 upon written request from the family.

Parental Participation in School Activities

The Bible teaches that parents have the primary and ultimate responsibility for training and educating their 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 DCA 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 DCA yearbook, and working together with the students in the organization, and carrying out 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 DCA family. This involvement is the responsibility of each family at DCA, and it is incumbent upon each of us to do our portion for one another.

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.