



2022-2023 FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

· TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID 2022-2023 ·

Thank you for taking the time to apply for financial aid for our 2022-2023 school year. The purpose of this note is to share the deadlines for the two rounds of reviewing and deciding need-based financial aid awards for our Trinity Lutheran families. For explanation of the review and decision process; please visit our website, www.tls-hawaii.org/scholarships, or visit our school front office.

The application period for financial aid opens Friday, December 3, 2021. This is for students entering kindergarten through grade 8 only. Families must apply online at www.mytads.com and pay an application directly to TADS. Students must be accepted and enrolled to Trinity Lutheran School for their application for financial aid to be considered. The deadlines are as follows:

2022-2023 ENROLLMENT & FINANCIAL AID DATES-ROUND 1

DEC	JAN	JAN	FEB	APR	APR	MAY
3	14	15	25	15	29	6
Exclusive Early Enrollment Opens	Exclusive Early Enrollment Deadline	Open Enrollment Begins	Round 1, Financial Aid Deadline	Round 1, Financial Aid Award Letters Ready	Round 1, Award Acceptance, Declination or Appeal Letter Due	Round 1, Notification of Appeals Decision

2022-2023 ENROLLMENT & FINANCIAL AID DATES-ROUND 2

APR	MAY	MAY	JUNE
15	13	27	3
Round 2, Financial Aid Deadline	Round 2, Financial Aid Award Letters Ready	Round 2, Award Acceptance, Declination or Appeal Letter Due	Round 2, Notification of Appeals Decision

Need-based Financial Aid is granted for a period of one school year and is based on the most current information. Trinity Lutheran School's Need-based Financial Aid budget is limited; we are, therefore, not always able to meet the needs of every student/family who qualifies for this type of aid. Trinity Lutheran School determines eligibility for admission without regard to a student's application for aid, and reserves the right to award, deny, grant, or rescind any amount of financial aid as it sees fit at any time for any reason.

TADS offers an Application Worksheet to help streamline the application process, which can be accessed under the Admissions>Scholarships and Financial Aid tabs of our website. DO NOT submit this worksheet to TADS or the school.

Incomplete, inaccurate, unclear, or unsigned documentation at any point in the process will delay action and jeopardize the chances of receiving aid.

December 2022

Dear Parents of Financial Aid Applicants,

Thank you for taking the time to apply for financial aid for your family for our 2022-2023 school year. In this letter, we will share the process for the two rounds of reviewing and deciding need-based financial aid awards for our Trinity Lutheran families.

First, the initial budget for total aid to be awarded is set before reviewing applications. The majority of aid to be awarded for the entire school year is distributed in the first round. This enables the school to project the annual budget for the coming school year.

Second, a Financial Aid Review Committee is formed. The Committee consists of two Subcommittees, each tasked with different jobs. Subcommittee members are people with no conflicts of interest to the applicants, whose identities are unknown to the applicants, and who are approved by the Principal and Pastor.

Subcommittee 1 is then tasked with implementing a fair and unbiased method of awarding 85% of the total budget allocated for financial aid awards, according to the information presented by applicants' TAD reports. Applicants' identities are unknown to the Subcommittee, which uses the #1 nationally recommended method of allocating funds.

Next, Subcommittee 2 is tasked with awarding up to the remaining 15% of the allocated funds to some of these same families who present special circumstances about which Subcommittee 1 was not allowed to know. Special circumstances are primarily shared in letters submitted by the applicant to TADS.

Once the entire amount of allocated funds are divided amongst the first round applicants, the Committee produces award letters, which must be picked up and signed for by a legal parent/guardian in the school office by the deadline listed in the letter. Award recipients will have up to two weeks to either accept or deny the award by signing and returning the letter. Declined awards, or unreturned letters will result in the award being forfeited so that the financial aid can be awarded to another family in need.

This same process is then repeated for round two, but likely with a lesser budget of allocated funds available. The aim of round two is to offer some aid to families who missed the first round deadline.

If a family is unsatisfied or concerned with the amount of aid awarded, the family may appeal by submitting a letter of appeal to Mr. Klemp in a sealed envelope; the letter should outline the concern and how the Committee might better meet the need of the family.

The goal of this process is to maintain a longstanding, unbiased manner in which to allocate need-based financial aid. The Committee, along with guidance and approval from the Principal, continually takes great strides to record all lessons learned from each year's process so that necessary improvements can be implemented in future years. This process has been reviewed and endorsed by the Board of Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church & School.

In HIS peace,

Kyle D. Klemp, Principal