



ROCKY BAYOU
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
A K3-12 COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

2024-2025 Financial Aid Information & Application

The mission of RBCS includes assisting parents in carrying out their God-given responsibility to guide their children to Christian maturity in accordance with biblical principles. Our desire for the RBCS financial aid program is to be able to provide Christian families a quality Christian education. **All financial aid comes from tuition paid for by parents or donors.** The Financial Aid process may take 2-6 weeks to complete after all required documentation has been submitted.

The Process:

Note: New students must have an active application and be in the Admission Process while applying for aid. Families may apply for Financial Aid at the same time they are applying for admittance to RBCS. Financial Aid decisions are only made after a student has completed the Enrollment Process, including a Family Interview, and has been Accepted.

Step #1. Complete online enrollment for your child(ren). This includes payment of the enrollment and capital improvement fees.

Step #2. Complete the RBCS Financial Aid Application- All applicants must submit a complete Financial Aid Application package (In case of divorce, separation, and/or non-married parents, both parents must apply for aid. If the student lives in the home of a grandparent or guardian, or if the grandparent or guardian pays for Tuition/Fees, they must apply for aid as well).

Step #3. Complete the FACTS Grant & Aid Online Application www.online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3FWSM FACTS Grant & Aid will conduct the financial need analysis. A \$40 FACTS application fee will be required at time of application.

Step #4. Submit the Pastoral Reference Form- Parents must regularly attend and be a member of a local Christian, Trinitarian church. (If you have submitted this form on your application for this year, you do not need to submit it again.)

Step #5. Apply or reapply for a Florida School Choice Scholarship www.stepupforstudents.org
(Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES-EO or FES-UA), Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, Hope Scholarship)
Please note returning families MUST reapply each school year if required by the specific scholarship your student(s) is on.

FACTS will require you to send in some or all the following:

- Tax Documents such as W2's and 1099s
- Copies of all tax schedules for Business or Farm Income, Rental Property, S-Corp., Partnership, and Estate/Trust Income, if applicable.
- Copies of all Non-Taxable Income documents (Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF). Be sure to include housing allowances in your reported income.

Financial Aid is approved on a first come/first served basis. Late submissions may greatly reduce your chances of receiving aid. All applicants will receive an award notification from RBCS by email. Award information will not be given by telephone.

Questions? Email financialaid@rbc.org.

2024-2025 RBCS FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION FORM



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| Applicant Name | | Email Address | |
| Student Name(s) | | | |
| Street Address | City | State | Zip Code |
| Home Phone | Cell Phone | Work Phone | |
| How much is your family able to pay per month to enable your children to attend RBCS for this academic year? This application will not be reviewed if this amount is missing or if it is \$0. | | | \$ |

Application Checklist

1. **Complete Enrollment.** New students must apply, gain acceptance, and pay enrollment fees and capital improvement fees.
2. **Complete this RBCS Financial Aid Application Questionnaire Form** (front and back) and email it to financialaid@rbc.org.
3. **Complete the FACTS Grant & Aid Online Application** - online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3FWSM. There is a \$40 application fee. (Housing allowances and all non-taxable income must be reported.) Check your email periodically for FACTS notifications. If FACTS is missing documents, they will notify **you** by email. **You are responsible for monitoring your FACTS account** to determine they have received all the required information. When your account has reached a status of "verified" your request for aid will continue to be processed.
4. **Submit the Pastoral Reference Form.** Give the pastoral reference form to your pastor to be filled out and emailed to financialaid@rbc.org. Applicants must be members and regular attenders of a Christian, Trinitarian Church.
5. **Apply or reapply for a Florida School Choice Scholarship.** www.stepupforstudents.org (Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES-EO or FES-UA), Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, Hope Scholarship) Attach a copy of the award letter which can take 4-6 weeks to receive. (Enter n/a if your family is not eligible)

Financial Award Decision: The above checklist must be completed before financial aid requests are submitted. Financial aid notifications will be sent via email. **All payment arrangements (drafts or pay in full) must be set-up within 10 business days of award notification to claim the financial aid award.** Failure to set up payment arrangements within 10 days will result in the forfeit of award monies. These funds will be made available to other families, and your financial aid package will have to go through the committee review process a second time. No pay-in-full discounts will be given to families who receive financial aid. Your enrollment fee is based on the date you have submitted a **complete** financial aid package.

In the case of divorced or separated parents, or parents who have never been married, both custodial and non-custodial parents are each required to submit a complete Financial Aid application (including FACTS and a Pastoral Reference) in order for their child to be considered for Financial Aid. In cases where one parent can/will not comply, the custodial parent should attach a written explanation and/or court order with this application. If grandparents, guardian or other family members live in the household and/or pay the tuition, they must submit complete Financial Aid application packages as well. Lack of information from either parent/grandparent/guardian may cause an arbitrary assessment of financial need to be made by the school, resulting in a lesser award or no award at all.

As part of our ongoing efforts to receive maximum financial assistance from all sources, please complete the questions below. This will help our school receive funding that is available to purchase equipment and services. Select the proper household size and indicate if your family's current monthly income is above or below the corresponding amount. Income includes Wages, Salaries, Commissions, payments for Welfare, Child Support, Alimony, Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, Dividends or Interest on Savings, Workers' Compensation, Unemployment, Strike Benefits, Disability, Veterans Assistance, Farm, etc....

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| Household Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Monthly Income | \$2,248 | \$3,040 | \$3,833 | \$4,625 | \$5,417 | \$6,210 | \$7,002 | \$7,795 | \$8,587 | \$9,380 |
| Check the family's household size and check below if the family's monthly income is above or below the corresponding amount. Choose One: Above Below | | | | | | | | | | |

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Answer **ALL** questions. Please attach a separate statement or letter to explain any questions, if necessary.

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| Applicant Name | Relationship to Student | Custodial Parent? Yes No |
| Who do the students live with? Check all that apply. Mother Father Stepmother Stepfather Grandfather Grandmother Guardian Other _____ | | |
| Please ensure that all appropriate parties submit a complete Financial Aid application (including FACTS and Pastoral Ref). Attach a separate statement or court order if all relevant parties will not apply for Financial Aid. | | |
| Regarding the home the student(s) live in: Is the father/stepfather/grandfather currently employed? | | Fulltime Part-time N/A |
| Is the mother/stepmother/grandmother currently employed? | | Fulltime Part-time N/A |
| Do you expect the above employment situations or living arrangements to change in the next year? | | Yes No |
| If so, explain change: | | |
| Who will pay the student(s) Tuition/Fees? | | |
| Explain any special arrangements (Split between parents, paid by other family member, etc...) | | |
| Are you currently receiving more or less than last year's income (including Housing and Non-taxable Income)? | | More Less |
| Explain: (You will be asked to provide current income documentation.) | | |
| How many children live in your household? | How many of these are school age? | How many will attend RBCS? |
| Are any of the students on a scholarship? | Please mark all that apply: FTC FES-EO FES-UA HOPE Ministerial Staff Church or Privately-sponsored | |
| Which student(s) does this apply to: | | |
| Have you applied for a state funded scholarship? | | Yes No |
| If so, you must attach a screenshot of either your application webpage or if awarded, a screenshot of the award ID webpage. (Financial Aid will be awarded based on the assumption that student(s) will receive a state scholarship. If you do not apply and submit documentation in time to receive the scholarship, Financial Aid will not be awarded in place of that award amount.) | | |
| Under what circumstances would you enroll your student(s) in a secular school? | | |
| Have you considered or would you consider home schooling as an option for your student(s)? | | Yes No |
| Has your student(s) previously attended RBCS? | Yes No | If yes, when? |
| Do you currently owe money to RBCS? | Yes No | If yes, why? |
| A requirement to receive Financial Aid is that the parents regularly attend and are members of a local Trinitarian church. Which church will be providing your Pastoral Reference Form? | | |
| Are family members willing to contribute your time and talent to RBCS? | | Yes No |
| Explain: | | |
| Has your family routinely had financial difficulties in the past? | | Yes No |
| Explain: | | |
| In the past year, has there been a significant event in the family that has caused financial hardship? | | Yes No |
| Explain: | | |

Signature Required:

I understand it is the responsibility of the family to provide their children with a Christian education.

I have read and understand the RBCS Financial Aid Policies Manual available within my Family Portal account.

Applicant Signature

Date