

Dayspring Christian Academy

Fees, Tuition, and General Information

2024-2025 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.

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.

Base Tuition Costs:

| Grade(s) | Full-Year | Semester | Monthly |
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| Kindergarten (K4 & K5) | \$5,760.00 | \$2,880.00 | \$480.00 |
| Elementary (1st-5th Grade) | \$6,480.00 | \$3,240.00 | \$540.00 |
| Middle School (6th-8th Grade) | \$6,720.00 | \$3,360.00 | \$560.00 |
| High School (9th-12th Grade) | \$6,960.00 | \$3,480.00 | \$580.00 |

Notes: 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.

Fees:

| Fee Name | Cost | Due Date(s) | Remit Payment to |
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| Re-enrollment | \$150.00/student | On or before 2/19/24 | DCA via online enrollment |
| | \$200.00/student | After 2/20/24-5/15/24 | |
| Emergency/Improvement | \$50.00/student (\$100.00 max/family) | At time of re-enrollment | DCA |
| Book Fee | \$200.00/student | On or before 8/1/24 | DCA |
| | \$225.00/student | After 8/1/24 | |
| Administrative Fee | \$50.00/family | 6/30/24 | Tuition Collection Company |

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| Fall Sports Fee | \$200.00/sport & Participating student | 9/1/24 | DCA |
| Winter Sports Fee | | 12/1/24 | |

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| Spring Sports Fee | \$25 extra for late payments | 4/1/25 |
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General Information

Note: 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.

Re-enrollment 2024-25

To re-enroll your child(ren) for the 2024-2025 school year, complete and sign the online enrollment forms through RenWeb/FACTS. If you need help with this process please contact the school office.

Base Tuition Discounts

At DCA there are several tuition discounts. Any/all discounts are taken off the gross or full tuition amount, this includes all children within a family’s non-discounted tuition. The discounts do not accumulate and 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, that family would receive a \$1,200 discount, making their adjusted tuition \$10,800.

Full-Time Ministry Discount: Full-time ministry (ministers, church youth directors, campus ministers, missionaries, etc.) families pay 50% of the base tuition irrespective of the number of students in that family.

Staff Discount: Teachers at DCA receive tuition discounts. These discounts vary based on full- or part-time status.

Student Aid: To qualify for need-based student aid, families must apply through FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition). FAST is a third-party service that reviews tax returns and other financial documents to recommend an amount for student aid to help make tuition affordable. Further details about applying to FAST are provided below. Families may only take advantage of the program that offers the greatest tuition discount. Contact the DCA office for any questions regarding 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@dcaemail.org). The Deadline for the FAST financial aid application for the school year 2023/2024 is March 31, 2024. After completing the FAST application, you will be required to submit your 2023 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.

FAST applications need to be completed before re-enrollment occurs so that your tuition amount can be set. Pay attention to the early, regular, and late deadlines for enrollment fee amounts as you determine when to complete your financial aid application.

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.

Setting Up Your Tuition Payments

You will set this up when you complete the online re-enrollment forms.

Payment Options

- 1) Monthly electronic fund transfer or automatic payment from your bank account or credit card (credit card (extra fee), checking, or savings); \$50 set up fee applies
- 2) Monthly invoice paying by check, your bank's bill pay service, credit card (extra fee applies), \$50 setup fee applies
- 3) Pre-paying tuition in its entirety prior to June 30, 2024; or
- 4) Two semester payments are due June 30, 2024, and January 15, 2025 respectively.

Tuition Refunds

Because decisions regarding the total numbers of teachers, aides, and other support personnel are based on projected annual enrollments, students are enrolled for the entire school year. Tuition is calculated based on the entire year; therefore, no reductions are made for missed days, including, but not limited to, reductions for school holidays, weather-related closures, 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 absences. 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 tuition and fees must be paid upon withdrawal from school. At the discretion of the DCA Board, the balance of the annual tuition may be waived upon written request from the family.

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.

Statement of Faith

The basis of the Corporation shall be the Word of God (the Bible) interpreted by the following Statement of Faith:

We believe the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments of Holy Scripture (the Bible) to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21).

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1-2; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is God the Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (Isaiah 53:4-6; I Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7), His resurrection (John 11:25; I Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of God the Father where He intercedes for His people (Mark 16:19; Hebrews 7:25); His personal, visible return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).

We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved (John 3:16-19; 5:24; Romans 3:23; 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29).

We believe in the Universal Church as a spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ; and in the necessity of the local organized church for the nurture of Christians and their families by the ministry of the Word of God (Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:11-16; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26).

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, Who indwells Christians uniting them as one in Christ, Who enables them to live a godly life and empowers them to serve in the church and community in the name of Christ (Romans 8:13-14; I Corinthians 3:16,19-20, Ephesians 4:1-7 & 30; 5:18)