

## Variable Tuition FAQ

### **What is Variable Tuition?**

Variable Tuition is a tuition discount program similar to those used by many private schools, colleges, and universities. This program allows families to apply for fair tuition that is right for their individual financial situation. Thus, it makes Upper Bucks Christian School's education affordable to many qualified students who might not otherwise join our school family.

### **How Does Variable Tuition Work?**

Any family (current or new) of a full-time Kindergarten through twelfth grade student may apply for Variable Tuition if they are concerned about affording the full tuition rate at UBCS and they think they may qualify for the program. Many factors are considered when determining the tuition amount a family is able to pay including income, assets, unusual expenses, and the size of the family.

### **How do I apply for Variable Tuition?**

All Variable Tuition applications must be submitted online through FACTS at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> and a \$35 fee will apply if an application is filled out. This fee is paid to FACTS.

### **What kind of economic situation is typical of a family who qualifies for Variable Tuition?**

Family circumstances range widely. While some families can afford only minimal tuition, others can afford to pay around the midpoint or almost at the top of the tuition level. Many factors are evaluated, including income, assets, unusual expenses, and the size of the family.

### **Will applying for Variable Tuition hurt my student's chance of being admitted to the school?**

No. Families may apply for Variable Tuition after they have applied for re-enrollment or admission to the school. An application for Variable Tuition does not affect the re-enrollment or admission process. Regardless of financial need, parents should initiate the re-enrollment or admission process as early as possible.

### **What will my Variable Tuition amount be?**

It is not possible for a family or the school to estimate the tuition level for which a family qualifies without the completion of a Variable Tuition application. Applications are submitted directly to FACTS Grant and Aid, a third-party agency. FACTS Grant and Aid evaluates the application based on criteria set by the school and makes a recommendation to the school's Variable Tuition team. Families are notified of the new tuition rate for which they qualify by the school financial office.

### **Do I need to apply to Upper Bucks Christian School before I can apply for Variable Tuition?**

Yes. For new students, application to Upper Bucks Christian School and application for Variable Tuition are two separate processes. However, new families may complete **both** application processes simultaneously. For re-enrolling students, re-enrollment application and fee must be paid prior to applying for Variable Tuition.

### **Upon completion of my Variable Tuition application, when will I receive confirmation of my Variable Tuition?**

Please reference the Variable Tuition Calendar below to determine when your Variable Tuition discount will be announced to you. Please note that applications must be fully completed and all required paperwork must be submitted to FACTS Grant and Aid in order for applications to be submitted and reviewed.

### **If I do not qualify for Variable Tuition this year, can I apply again next year?**

Yes. A family that does not qualify this year is welcome to reapply the following year.

**Do I need to apply for Variable Tuition every year?**

Yes. A new application must be submitted every year.

**Can I receive both the prepayment discount and my awarded Variable Tuition amount together?**

You cannot receive the 3% prepayment tuition discount. You will be billed monthly through FACTS if you qualify. New Student Discount will also be factored in the calculation for the final tuition.

**Will Variable Tuition lead to larger class sizes?**

No. The leadership team at Upper Bucks Christian School has established maximum class size ranges that cannot be surpassed. Within those limits, we will continue to accept qualified students.

**How does this process work?**

1. Parents fill out the Variable Tuition form through FACTS online.
2. FACTS informs UBCS of a recommended discounted tuition.
3. UBCS informs parents of their new, personal tuition rate.

**Who should I contact with questions about Variable Tuition?**

Questions about Variable Tuition should be directed to: Pam Duckworth, Financial Secretary, at 215-536-9200 ext. 117 or [pduckworth@upperbucks.org](mailto:pduckworth@upperbucks.org).

**VARIABLE TUITION CALENDAR**

<p><b>Time Frame 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begins: March 1</li> <li>• Ends: April 30</li> </ul>	<p><b>Time Frame 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begins: May 1</li> <li>• Ends: June 15</li> </ul>
<p><b>Time Frame 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begins: June 16</li> <li>• Ends: August 10</li> </ul>	<p><i>Note: After the time frame ending date, it will take <b>3-4</b> weeks for processing/evaluating by FACTS &amp; the Variable Tuition Team.</i></p>
<p><b>Anyone applying after August 10<sup>th</sup> must speak with the Financial Secretary before applying.</b></p>	
<p><b>Returning students Variable Tuition application should be submitted no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>	

