

TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT GUIDELINES

It is essential that all materials requested by the applicant be complete when the application is provided to the Tuition Assistance Grant Committee for consideration. **NO REQUEST WILL BE CONSIDERED UNTIL ALL OF THE MATERIALS ARE COMPLETE. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING IS APRIL 2.**

Grants will be based upon the demonstrated need for financial assistance determined by family income. The definition of income has been derived from that used by the Social Security Administration for determining eligibility for supplemental security income (SSI) benefits. Generally, income is defined as anything you receive in cash or in kind that you can use to meet your family's financial requirements. It does not include forms of income such as medical care and services or social services payments.

The basic criterion for need is an adjusted gross income of \$79,000 for a family with one child attending Metro; \$86,250 for a family with two children at Metro; \$93,500 for a family with three children at Metro; and \$100,625 for a family with four or more children at Metro. Additional financial aspects of the student's family income is explained below. The Committee will consider all applicants. A student entering Metro after the first day of the academic school year will be considered on a pro-rated basis.

Each applicant will be evaluated yearly. In order to continue receiving a grant, a student must demonstrate motivation to learn, consistent academic improvement, and manners characterizing effort and participation within the Metro school environment.

Grants will be awarded based on need.

Financial Information Required

1. Income tax return, including all supporting schedules for the current and previous year, 2011 and 2010.
2. Income earned by applying student during the last three (3) years.
3. Support provided by someone other than applicant including, but not limited to, child support, free or below-market rent or house payment, federal subsidies for food and/or housing, parents, grandparents or others outside the immediate family, etc.
4. Property settlements received pursuant to a divorce.
5. Social Security payments received by applying student, parent(s) or guardian(s).
6. Inheritances received during the past three (3) years.
7. Monetary prizes and/or awards received during the past three (3) years.
8. Death benefits received by the applying student, parent(s) or guardian(s).
9. Statement of assets and liabilities for applying student (if applicable) and parent(s) or guardian(s) of applying student.
10. Any other form of financial support made available to applying student that could reduce the amount of tuition assistance needed by the applying student.

Academics and Recommendations and Other Requirements

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required; or the student must qualify in one of the following areas:

1. Academic Potential A GPA of 2.5 for the previous school year, a letter of recommendation

from a teacher or counselor indicating above average potential and performance, and tests that verify that potential are required for qualification for Academic Potential.

2. Leadership/Character Potential Students must have no major behavioral infractions.
3. Talent and Ability Scholarship For students who have received recognition for outstanding achievements in the Fine Arts or athletics, the student must have a GPA of 2.5 for the previous school year and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor and documentation of specific achievements.
4. Special Consideration Students who do not qualify under the criteria listed under the above due to cultural deprivations, learning disabilities, etc. will be given consideration by the Committee. A detailed explanation of the student's circumstances must accompany this application.

New students and first time grant applicants must have a recommendation from a pastor or youth director with their application.

Each applicant in grades 6-12 must provide an essay indicating why he/she wants to be at Metro. An essay must accompany each year's grant application.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR EACH GUIDELINE ISSUE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICATION BEING TAKEN OUT OF CONSIDERATION.