Applying for Financial Aid

To ensure that financial aid is distributed accurately and impartially, Lancaster Mennonite School partners with Independent School Management's FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) program. FAST's secure online platform processes all financial aid applications and provides an objective, need-based assessment of what each family can reasonably contribute toward tuition. All information submitted through FAST is kept strictly confidential. Once applications are reviewed and approved, families receive their official financial aid award letter.

To begin your financial aid online application process, please follow these steps:

1. Visit **www.lancastermennonite.org** and hover over **Admissions** in the top menu. Select **Financial Aid** from the dropdown menu and then click on the "**Fast Application"** button**.** *You may also go directly to:* **lancastermennonite.org/admissions/financial-aid.**
2. Create a **New User Account**. *If you already have an account with FAST, simply sign in and update your information.*
3. To begin your application click **Get Started**. The application process is self-guided. You do not need to complete the application in one sitting. You can save your work, return later, and sign in to complete and submit your application. Complete each subsection you are in before logging out to ensure your information is successfully saved.
4. **All applicants must complete a tax consent form.** This consent form grants FAST permission to safely and securely pull your most recent tax information from the IRS into your application. **Important: Completing the consent form is mandatory for your application to be submitted and processed. Failure to provide consent for all financially supporting adults in your household will delay your application.**
5. **The application fee is $60 per household**. This non-refundable fee is required to complete your application. You will be directed to a secure payment form where you can use Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.
6. If you need assistance during the application process, email FAST at familysupport@ismfast.com. An FAQ is available in the "Help & FAQ" section on the FAST platform.
7. **Apply as soon as possible as financial aid funds are limited.**

Questions on Financial Aid:
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Note: Applying through FAST is *only* for financial aid and is not an application for admission. To apply for admission to Lancaster Mennonite School, please complete the online application located in the Admissions section of our website. For admissions-related questions, contact or Admissions Office at **717-740-2437.**

Information Needed to Complete Online FAST Application:

- ☐ Mortgage Payment
- ☐ Original Mortgage Value
- ☐ Year Purchased
- ☐ Purchase Price
- ☐ Present Market Value
- ☐ Refinancing Info (if any)
- ☐ Property Taxes Paid
- ☐ Make, Model & Year of Vehicles
- ☐ Estimated Value of Vehicles
- ☐ Outstanding Debt on Vehicles
- ☐ Monthly Vehicle Payment
- ☐ Business Assets, etc.
- ☐ Charitable Giving
- ☐ Rent expense
- ☐ Savings Account
- ☐ Checking Account
- ☐ Certificates of Deposit
- ☐ Stocks, Bond, Securities
- ☐ Trusts
- ☐ Retirement Savings
- ☐ Personal loans
- ☐ Credit card debt
- ☐ Insurance expenses (medical, home, life, auto, etc.)
- ☐ Utilities expenses (electric, heat, water, sewer, etc.)
- ☐ Child Support or Alimony (if applicable)