



## TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION SHEET

Each year, Linden Grove School strives to assist families who struggle with the financial burden of tuition costs. Linden Grove School utilizes FACTS to determine financial needs. Families applying for tuition assistance submit their applications directly to FACTS.

### SHOULD I APPLY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE?

Before applying for tuition assistance, you should determine your annual out-of-pocket tuition cost to Linden Grove School. To calculate that amount, simply take the total LGS tuition and subtract the amount of your child's scholarship (Autism, Jon Peterson, or other). The remaining amount is your annual out-of-pocket tuition cost.

$$\text{Tuition Amount} - \text{Scholarship Amount} = \text{Out-of-pocket Tuition Cost}$$

For the 2026-27 school year, total LGS tuition is \$39,000 for all K-8 students.

As of the date of this letter, Autism Scholarship students receiving a full-year scholarship will receive \$34,000 to help offset these costs. The scholarship may increase, but we do not know the amount of the potential increase. Therefore, you should calculate your out-of-pocket cost utilizing the current scholarship amount of \$34,000. For Jon Peterson recipients, scholarship amounts range from \$10,045 to \$34,000. The Peterson scholarship amounts may increase, but again, we do not have that information. Therefore, out-of-pocket costs for full-year Autism Scholarship students are currently \$5,000 (\$39,000 minus \$34,000). Out-of-pocket costs for Jon Peterson students will range from \$5,000 to \$28,955 depending on category. Examples for 2025-2026 school year:

*Autism:* \$39,000 - \$34,000 = \$5,000 Out-of-pocket

*Orthopedic/Multi-handicapped:* \$39,000 - \$29,750 = \$9,250 Out-of-pocket

*Emotional Disturbance:* \$39,000 - \$20,069 = \$18,931 Out-of-pocket

*Specific Learning Disability/OHI:* \$39,000 - \$13,069 = \$25,931 Out-of-pocket

*Speech/Language Impairment:* \$39,000 - \$10,045 = \$28,955 Out-of-pocket

In any circumstance, the **yearly maximum award for LGS tuition assistance is \$5,000.**

## **I DETERMINED MY ANNUAL OUT-OF-POCKET TUITION COST. WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP?**

For Autism Scholarship students, simply divide your total out-of-pocket cost by 12 monthly payments ( $\$5,000/12=\$416.67$  per month)

For Jon Peterson students, you would divide your calculated out-of-pocket cost by 12 monthly payments.

Tuition is payable over 12 months, August 2026 through July 2027. Payments can be made on the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

If this amount is a financial burden, you SHOULD apply for tuition assistance.

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE THROUGH FACTS:**

Returning students will receive a registration letter in February containing a link to apply for tuition assistance through FACTS. First-year students and mid-year enrollments will receive an acceptance letter with the same link. Simply use that link to apply for Tuition Assistance. When completing your FACTS application, you must provide financial information such as tax returns, W-2, etc. There is also an application fee. Typically, the FACTS application fee is \$45, and you pay this directly to FACTS upon submitting your application.

On the FACTS application, you should state the portion of annual out-of-pocket tuition that you feel you can afford. The remaining amount is your total tuition assistance request.

Example: THIS EXAMPLE OUTLINES A STUDENT RECEIVING A FULL-YEAR AUTISM SCHOLARSHIP: Total LGS tuition is \$39,000. The Autism Scholarship is \$34,000. Therefore, your total out-of-pocket tuition for the year is \$3,745. (Payable in 12 installments of \$416.67 per month). You determine that \$416.67 per month is simply too much, but you CAN afford \$200 per month (\$2,400 annually). In this case, you should state on your FACTS application that the annual amount you CAN afford is \$2,400. Your tuition assistance request is \$2,600 (\$5,000 minus \$2,400). If FACTS determines that \$200 per month is the maximum you can comfortably afford, your tuition assistance award becomes \$2,600, providing LGS has the available funds. Tuition assistance requests will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

If awarded, tuition assistance dollars can only be used to pay regular school year tuition and may not be used for before/after care, after-school activities, etc.

If you have any questions or need further information to make an informed decision on whether to apply, please contact Shawn Scott, Finance Coordinator, at [sscott@lindengroveschool.org](mailto:sscott@lindengroveschool.org)