

**MT. BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
**GOAL Student Scholarship Financial Assistance**  
**Policies and Procedures**

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy strives to grant financial assistance to all families who apply and qualify for financial aid through the GOAL Student Scholarship Program and the School and Student Service (SSS) for Financial Aid. Aid qualification is strictly **need-based** and is based on a family's ability to meet educational expenses, not willingness or unwillingness to pay. A Mt. Bethel Christian Academy education is an investment in your child's future, and you will undoubtedly have to make some sacrifices. In order to meet the needs for the greatest number of families, the Financial Aid Committee will thoroughly evaluate all aid applicants from year to year. All new incoming kindergarten students and all students transferring from the Georgia public school system to the MBCA program may apply for financial assistance through the GOAL Student Scholarship Program. To provide a viable aid program, it is necessary to establish and follow some specific guidelines to ensure fair and equitable distribution. Please refer to the following procedure concerning Financial Aid eligibility. These guidelines must be followed for aid to be granted. Families failing to meet the required standards will not be considered for aid in consecutive years. If you find yourself unable to meet the requirements, please contact the Academy Finance Office to avoid penalties. Parents must demonstrate an understanding of and desire for Christian education.

**The following criteria must be met in order to be considered for GOAL financial assistance:**

- The student must be in good standing academically and behaviorally.
- New students must meet all criteria as stated in the Mt. Bethel Christian Academy Financial Aid Policy and Procedure and have been accepted for admission to MBCA before a scholarship amount will be awarded.
- School and Student Services (SSS) will be conducting the financial need analysis for Mt. Bethel Christian Academy for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete the SSS application and submit supporting documentation to SSS prior to consideration for assistance through the Georgia Goal Scholarship Program. Applicants can apply online now, at [www.nais.org/financialaid/sss](http://www.nais.org/financialaid/sss).

**Parents are required to provide SSS with:**

1. The *Parent Financial Statement Application* for financial aid ([www.nais.org/financialaid/sss](http://www.nais.org/financialaid/sss)).
2. Tax records to verify eligibility.

**Parents are required to provide to MBCA:**

1. MBCA ***Georgia GOAL Financial Assistance Application***. A ***Georgia GOAL Financial Assistance Application*** may be downloaded from our website at [www.mtbethelchristian.org](http://www.mtbethelchristian.org). The Admission Office will manage the aid request and process it through the Georgia GOAL Program.
2. A copy of their 2009 income tax return including all schedules.
3. Copies of your 2009 W2's for both you and your spouse.
4. Where applicable, copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
5. Official proof of enrollment in public school (excluding first-time kindergarten applicants).

**MBCA Policy and Procedures:**

- The Georgia GOAL Committee for Financial Aid will determine the eligibility of need and the amount of the grant.
- Letters confirming decisions on scholarship awards will be mailed to applicant families upon acceptance to MBCA.
- Any award amount will be applied to the tuition for the 2010-2011 school year and remaining tuition due will be billed according to the terms of your Enrollment Contract Payment Plan. FACTS Tuition Management and Tuition Insurance are mandatory for all plans other than full payment.
- GOAL Scholarship awards may not be applied toward your \$1000 tuition deposit.
- The completion of the financial assistance application is not a binding agreement that assistance is available or will be granted.

- Funding for the GOAL Scholarship Program can vary from year to year. In the event that the amount available through the GOAL Scholarship Program is insufficient to adequately fund the Program, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy reserves the right to discontinue membership in the Program. All applicants will then be considered for aid under the Policies and Procedures set forth by the Mt. Bethel Christian Academy Financial Aid Program.
- Eligibility for financial aid shall be based upon genuine, demonstrated need and space available in the classroom.
- Parents must demonstrate on a continuing basis a cooperative attitude toward the school administration and staff, or the remainder of the aid award may be withdrawn upon written notice.
- In cases where the applicant is divorced, the assets of both parents will be considered if parents have joint custody. If the custodial parent has remarried, the assets of the stepparent will be included in the review. If someone else is financially responsible for the student, that person should complete the aid form and explain his/her relationship to the student.
- Parents are expected to try to pay more toward their children's tuition if their financial situation improves during the year so that additional needy families may be helped. Please notify the school when financial conditions change during the year.
- If a student withdraws from the Academy during the year, or is expelled, all unused portions of the aid shall be retained by the Financial Aid Fund.
- Financial aid is not automatically renewable for a new school year. Families must reapply for aid for each school year.
- Financial aid applications received by the deadline will be treated on an equal basis. Thereafter, aid requests will be prioritized by the date received.
- For students to receive a multiyear scholarship amount, the following criteria must be met:
  1. Scholarship recipients must reapply for financial aid each year and prove eligibility to receive such scholarship assistance each year through SSS and tax record evaluations.
  2. Scholarship recipients must maintain a current balance on any remaining tuition due on the student's account.
  3. Students must maintain at least a minimum B average and maintain reasonably good attendance records for continuation of the financial aid from one semester to the next.
  4. If a scholarship recipient withdraws, the scholarship money returns to the scholarship fund to be distributed at the discretion of Financial Assistance Committee. Funds are not transferable to another family member.
  5. Scholarship recipients are not guaranteed admission to MBCA each year. All behavioral, financial, and academic expectations must be met each year. Official annual acceptance must be provided prior to the award of any scholarship funds.

If you have questions or concerns about the SSS application process, you may speak with an SSS Customer Care Representative at (866) 387-2601. MBCA Financial Aid questions: contact Rhea Adkins at 770-971-0245 or [rhea.adkins@mtbethel.org](mailto:rhea.adkins@mtbethel.org). Georgia GOAL Scholarship questions: contact Mary Clark at 770-971-0245 or [mary.clark@mtbethel.org](mailto:mary.clark@mtbethel.org).