

Tuition Assistance Available for 2019-20/ Financial Changes for 2019-20

Dear BME Parents,

I wanted to share this information with you that one of our Board members had mentioned that it was used in the past and now is available again. It is a scholarship program that can assist you with tuition costs for the 2019-20 school year for Berks County residents. Here is the information:

Applications are being taken online only from May 15 through May 31, 2019 only for Berks County residents going to a Berks County School (see attached guide lines per the web site for the scholarship). It is recommended that families open an account with Berks County Community Foundation prior to the opening date of the scholarship.

Tuition information will be needed in the application process. Constituent church member applicants will need to list financial aide of \$750 for the year for first child and \$650 for the second child.

Note: Any 8th graders planning on going to BMA can also apply for it is a K-12 scholarship for any school attended in Berks County.

Here is the link to register and to apply when it is open for applications:

<https://bccf.academicworks.com/opportunities/1885>

Please be aware amounts awarded vary and not everyone will be accepted, even if there is a need. From what I am told, they have a set amount that they provide assistance and once it is depleted they do not approve anymore. So knowing that, it is best to get your application in earlier than later. Please feel free to share this information with any potential parents looking to enroll their child next school year as well.

I will be sure to keep this in the newsletters weekly to remind you as it gets closer and during the application period.

For those parents that are not part of the Constituent churches or were unable to attend last night's Constituency Meeting, BME's tuition for 2019-20 will be \$370/mo x 10 months = \$3,700 per year.

Other important changes to be aware of:

- Early Registration discount has been moved up to June 1st (instead of July 31st)
- Discount for those parents that pay in full before school starts will be 5% (instead of 10%)
- Discount for those parents that pay by semester will be 2% (instead of 3%)

- We will continue to have an ACH withdraw for tuition next school year however we will not have FACTS which means you will not have to pay the yearly FACTS fee. Our treasurers will handle the ACH payments through a local bank instead.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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Home & School Leader

