



LUTHER NORTH COLLEGE PREP
Tuition, Fees & Financial Aid
Information Packet
2012-2013

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**TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULE
2012-2013**

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Due Date
Tuition	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	Payment options below
Registration	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	April 15, 2012
Activity	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	August 1, 2012
Technology	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	September 1, 2012
Yearbook	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	February 1, 2013
Winterim	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	January 1, 2013
Academy	\$100.00				October 1, 2012
Total	\$9,400.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	

TUITION AND FEE PAYMENT PLANS

Starting in the fall of 2012, Smart Tuition will process all tuition payments and financial aid requests. They will also work directly with families to set up their payment plan.

PLAN #1 – FULL-YEAR PAYMENT PLAN – 2 payments due:

- June 1, 2012 – \$4,200.00
- August 1, 2012 - \$4,200.00

PLAN #2 – SEMESTER PAYMENT PLAN – 4 payments due:

- June 1, 2012 - \$2,125.00
- August 1, 2012 - \$2,125.00
- October 1, 2012 - \$2,125.00
- December 1, 2012 - \$2,125.00

PLAN #3 – 10 MONTH PAYMENT PLAN

Payment in ten monthly installments beginning on June 1, 2012 - \$860.00 per month

PLAN #4 – 12 MONTH PAYMENT PLAN

Payment in twelve monthly installments beginning on June 1, 2012 - \$720.00 per month

TUITION PAYMENT PLANS

If any tuition, fees, fines or replacement costs for lost or damaged school property are not paid prior to that semester's final exams, Luther North's Board of Trustees' policy states that all such students are to be withheld from semester exams (to be made up upon payment of deficit at the availability of the teacher involved). Semester grades cannot be computed without the final exam grade, and transcripts will not be given until debt owed to LNCP is paid in full. The same policy applies to graduation. Students with any tuition, fees, fines or replacement costs in arrears will be withheld from graduation ceremonies, and receipt of transcripts and/or diploma will be withheld until such debts and resultant fines are paid in full. Payments made by personal check, business check, or online by ACH will be subject to a 14 day hold to allow for clearance of funds.

FINANCIAL AID

A substantial number of LNCP students receive financial aid. The Financial Aid Program assures that talented students will not be denied a LNCP education due to financial circumstances. Financial aid is funded through the Endowment Program and the generous donations of alumni and supporters. **Families must apply each year for financial assistance.**

March 1, 2012 – all current and incoming students will be sent a financial aid packet explaining the process to apply for financial aid. In order to apply, the \$250.00 registration fee must be paid. Financial aid applications are submitted and processed monthly for the months of March, April, and May. Applicants who submit financial aid requests by the 15th of the month will be notified of the award available to them by the 30th. **We cannot guarantee any financial aid to those who apply after June 1, 2012.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

- All scholarships, grants and/or tuition discounts are applied towards tuition only. All required fees are the responsibility of those paying each student's bill. This amount is pro-rated by month or payment plan equally distributed through the year to ensure full term attendance.
- The scholarships, grants, and/or tuition discounts are determined by the length of enrollment, eligibility, and/or qualification during any given year. Financial assistance in the case of termination of enrollment or eligibility is not refundable, just as required fees are not refundable.

- In the case of congregational or organizational assistance, the family in question must pay all tuition and fees until that money is received. If the money is received before March 10 of each school year, it is applied to that individual's remaining tuition bill and if the total amount is in excess of the tuition bill, the congregation making the contribution will be notified and either the surplus will be returned to the congregation or organization or applied to the student's next year's tuition bill. If the money is received after March 10, the amount will be automatically applied to the student's next year's tuition bill. Congregations or other contributing organizations will be the sole determiner of who qualifies for this aid.
- In each payment plan, required fees are included in the first payment. These are not refundable under any circumstances, nor are they discounted due to the school financial assistance program. Tuition is non-refundable once a semester has begun.
- Each person responsible for each family's tuition fee bill must sign the "Luther North College Prep Financial Commitment Form" and "Smart Tuition Form" before any tuition scholarships, grants, or discounts are applied to the tuition bill.
- There must be demonstrated financial need as evidenced by information supplied by information on the Cross Star Grant-in-Aid Application, 2011 Tax Returns, and W2's.
- All required forms and procedures must be completed by the published deadlines.
- Students must maintain passing grades; failures or multiple "D" grades will eliminate them from program participation. In addition, any student put on disciplinary probation may also be eliminated from program participation.



2012-2013 FAMILY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Introduction: The goal of LNCP's "Family Financial Assistance Program" is to establish a financial partnership with families to make the LNCP educational experience more affordable. This program provides funds for financially challenged families and/or gifted and talented students. LNCP's financial assistance program involves four types of tuition assistance or opportunities for assistance which are as follows:

Merit Awards:	Offered to all who qualify
Entitlement Grants:	Granted to all who are entitled
Need-based Awards:	Granted to all who qualify
Incentive Grants:	Granted to those who fulfill the incentive

A significant number of LNCP students receive some kind of financial aid each year. We believe our financial aid program assures that students will not be denied an education due to financial circumstances. The financial aid program is funded annually through various sources including:

- **LNCP School Endowments** – A portion of the interest accumulated each year from the Endowments assists the funding of "scholarships."
- **Generous Alumni and Donors** – Thankful alumni and appreciative donors, who throughout their lives recognize the value of a LNCP education, have committed significant amounts toward the annual scholarship fund.
- **Association Congregations** – Many congregations, because they view LNCP as an extension of their own ministry, contribute a determined amount of money, for LNCP students in good standing, from their school or church. This money is applied to their members' and/or school graduates' tuition bills each fiscal year.
- **Annual Appeals (Development efforts of LNCP)** – Each year LNCP has appeals to alumni, friends and donors for the scholarship program.
- **Tuition Discounts** – Annually, LNCP budgets for an expected number of students as well as expected income to finance our financial assistance program. Our budget is predicated (as a non-profit institution) on the attempt to balance revenue with expenditures. Therefore, a projected amount is set as "tuition discounts." This amount is affected by the enrollment – if the projected number is reached, we can allocate the budgeted amount of tuition discounts in the financial assistance program.

Each student must be enrolled, registered, and in attendance before any financial assistance will be applied to tuition bills. NOTE ALL DEADLINES INVOLVING APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE!

PROGRAM	CRITERIA	AMOUNT	HS YEAR
MERIT AWARDS			
Freshman Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 awarded Value up to \$6000 4-year award based on achievement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifying score on entrance exam 2 letters of recommendation Transcript including 8th grade semester 1 grades Five paragraph essay – What are your academic, personal and extracurricular goals for high school? 	\$3000-\$6000 annually	Freshman – Senior beginning with the class of 2016
Board of Trustee Scholarship	GPA of (3.6-4.0+) Cumulative GPA is achieved – award is for the following school year	\$500-\$1,000	Soph/Jr/Sr
Servant-Talent-Leadership	Character recommendation Co-curricular talent recommendation	\$500	Soph/Jr/Sr
Class Valedictorian / Salutatorian	8 th grade class position	\$250-\$500	Freshman
Luther Singers/Jazz Band/Drama	Selection process by activity sponsor	\$250	Soph/Jr/Sr
Fine Arts Academy Scholarship	Audition required	\$1000 annually	Freshman – Senior beginning with the class of 2016
ENTITLEMENT GRANTS			
Lutheran School Graduate	Graduate from Lutheran school	\$500	Freshman
Other Christian School Graduate	Graduate from other Christian school	\$250	Freshman
Multiple Sibling	Sibling(s) attending LNCP	\$3120	Each qualifying year
Legacy Grant	Child of LNCP Alumni	\$500	Each qualifying year
Lutheran Staff Discount	Child of full-time Lutheran Church/School Employee	\$2000	Each qualifying year
Clergy Discount	Child of full-time Ordained Clergy	\$2000	Each qualifying year
NEED-BASED AWARDS			
Work-Study Program	Qualifies with approved application and work record	varies	Each qualifying year
Cross Star Grant-in-Aid	Demonstration of family need, must submit application through Smart Tuition along with letter of need to LNCP. Deadline for submission is May 1, 2012	varies	Each qualifying year
INCENTIVE GRANTS			
Sharing the Opportunity Grant	LNCP family who brings in and can verify as a “recruiter” for a new student at LNCP	\$300 per student	Each verified recruit
Pre-payment credits	Family pre-pays (Tuition Plan 1 or 2)	\$100-\$200	Each qualifying year
OUTSIDE SOURCE GRANTS			
Congregational	Member of supportive church	Varies w/church	Each qualifying year
CLEF	Qualified by organization	varies	Each qualifying year
Other Organizational	Qualified by organization	varies	Each qualifying year

Freshman Scholarship Program

In order to compete for quality students that would normally attend the CPS select schools, the following program is proposed starting with the incoming freshman class of 2012.

New with the class of 2016, 9 students (10% of class) will receive academic scholarships.

- 3 for \$6000
- 3 for \$5250
- 3 for \$3000

Criteria to qualify:

1. Must qualify on the entrance exam in December or March – top 15% on the standardized test
2. After qualifying on the exam:
 - a. Submit 2 letters of recommendation
 - b. Transcript including 1st semester grades from 8th grade
 - c. Essay – What are your academic, personal and extracurricular goals for high school?

Scholarship is for 4 years as long as the following criteria are met:

1. Maintain 3.5 GPA
2. Participate in 2 extra-curricular activities per year
3. Provide 10 service hours to the school

If there are 90 students in the class, this would represent 5.6% financial aid

Servant Talent Leadership

The servant-talent-leadership grant is awarded to students who demonstrate evidence of exceptional servant-talent-leadership. **Students must apply each year to receive.** In order to make application for this grant, the candidate must submit two documents:

1. Recommendation form – The student applicant must be recommended by a school-related or church-related staff member as one who has demonstrated talent-leadership qualities, the potential for future development, and provide LNCP with leadership character recommendations by submitting the completed “Personal Recommendation Form”.
2. Personal Statement – The student is asked to prepare a 1-2 page typed essay on the topic, “How I am using my God-given talent to serve God by serving others.”

Fine Arts Academy Scholarships

8 scholarships will be awarded, 2 in each of the following disciplines:

- Instrumental Arts
- Theater Arts
- Visual Arts
- Vocal Arts

Scholarships are \$1000 per year and renewable for 4 years if the criteria are met (see below).

Instrumental Arts

Audition Requirements

Wind instrumentalists: Demonstrate your musical progress through two short pieces; one lyrical and one technical. Areas observed will include tone quality, instrumental technique, rhythmic accuracy, intonation, dynamics, musical interpretation/style and phrasing. The audition will also include a brief sight reading.

Percussionists: Demonstrate your musical progress through two short pieces; preferably one on snare drum and one on either keyboard percussion or timpani. Areas observed will include stick/mallet choice, stick/mallet control, rudiments, rhythmic accuracy, dynamics and musical interpretation/style. Be prepared to speak about your performance experience with keyboard percussion, timpani and drum set. The audition will also include a brief sight reading.

Criteria for retention of instrumental music scholarship

- Student will participate in all concert band/pep band performances.
- Student will participate in jazz band if instrument is saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, bass or drums.
- Student will support elementary band program by performing in recruitment ensemble.
- Student will prepare IMEA District Band audition music. Juniors and seniors will take the audition; freshmen and sophomores will take the audition if they are performing at the appropriate level.
- Student will participate in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest.
- Students must attend one musical performance (college or professional) per semester and write a review of the performance.

Theater Arts

Audition Requirements

Each student will participate in a live audition to include the following:

- Prepare one (1) monologue. Monologue must be memorized. Monologues must be chosen from published plays. Scripts from movies are unacceptable. Maximum monologue time is a total of three minutes. Check your material carefully to ensure that you meet this time limit as you will be timed.
- Students will be asked to participate in a cold reading exercise.

Criterion for retention of theater arts scholarship

- Perform in at least two (2) productions during each production year for LNCP
- Participate in at least one (1) production as stage/set crew during each production year.
- Maintain a 3.0 (B), or higher average in theatre arts/fine arts classes

Visual Arts

Portfolio Drawing Requirements (to be submitted at audition/assessment):

- What you see while looking out your window
- A section of your room, including your bed
- A pair of shoes
- Something from your imagination
- In addition to the above requirements, it is important that applicants bring other examples of their work including artwork from art classes, work that has been completed independently, and sketch books.

Drawing Assessment:

The student will have 30 minutes to draw a still life using pencil and erasers that will be set up in room 110.

Your work is evaluated on technical skill, use of composition, and the degree of difficulty of the individual art works.

Criteria for retention of visual arts scholarship

- Design posters for the art, music and theater performances.
- Help set up the major art display in spring
- Enter one art contest
- Work on a mural for display in the school
- Be a member of the Art Club
- Attend fine art performances

Vocal Arts

Vocal Audition

Vocalists: Demonstrate your musical progress through two short pieces (approximately 32 measures) in contrasting styles; one must be a lyrical hymn or folk song (e.g. "Amazing Grace," "Danny Boy," "Shenandoah," "Simple Gifts," etc.). Areas observed will include pitch accuracy, rhythmic accuracy, intonation, diction, musical interpretation/style and phrasing. The audition will also include a brief sight singing. If you prefer to sing with an accompaniment you must provide your own accompanist or bring a recording.

Criterion for retention of instrumental music scholarship

- Student will participate in all concert choir performances.
- Student will participate in Luther Singers.
- Student will perform national anthem (either solo or as part of a group) for at least one home basketball game.
- Student will prepare IMEA District Choir audition music. Juniors and seniors will take the audition; freshmen and sophomores will take the audition if they are performing at the appropriate level.
- Student will participate in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest.

- Students must attend one musical performance (college or professional) per semester and write a review of the performance.

Cross Star Grant-in-Aid Program

Luther North College Prep's Cross Star Grant-in-Aid program is designed to assure that talented students will not be denied a LNCP education due to financial circumstances. Grant-in-Aid is funded through generous donations of alumni and supporters.

To apply for a Cross Star Grant-in-Aid complete an application on the Smart Tuition website beginning March 1, 2012. Once the application has been processed, families will be asked to submit a letter to the admissions committee with any other information they deem relevant to the decision making process. The admissions committee will determine if the family is qualified for financial aid.

All applications must be completed no later than May 15, 2012; a request that is filed late will not be included in the initial aid allotment. As a result, funds may not be available even though the family qualifies for assistance. Because LNCP's financial aid funds are limited, it is possible for a student to be accepted to the school but not receive funding, even though all deadlines have been met.

Students must maintain passing grades; failures or multiple "D" grades will eliminate them from program participation. In addition, any student placed on disciplinary probation may also be eliminate them from program participation.

Students receiving financial aid will be required to serve a minimum of 20 approved volunteer hours to the school per school year. Volunteer opportunities can include helping at sporting events, open houses, the main fundraisers or other extracurricular activities. In addition, families of children receiving financial aid will be required to assist LNCP in all major fund-raising events.

Tuition and fees from the previous year must be paid in full. Also, fees and tuition payment contracts must be received on time in order to be eligible. Tuition payments received late will result in loss of all financial aid.