

**COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION
2010-2011**

To: Parents of Students of Columbus Christian School

From: Bob Becker & Andy Tiemeyer

Re: 2010-1011 Financial Aid Application Forms

Date: January 25, 2010

The 2010-2011 application forms for financial aid are now available! We are sending all registered families copies of the application forms. You are welcome to apply, but the fact that you are receiving this application does not obligate you to do so.

If you chose to apply, please fill out all the forms completely and submit the required tax forms. The application process begins March 1 and all completed applications must be returned by **May 1, 2010**. To be eligible for us to process your application for financial aid for the 2010-2011 school year, your account must be paid up in full for the 2009-2010 school year or suitable arrangements have been made to pay the unpaid balance.

Please feel free to call Kathy Wolfe or us if you have questions or if we can be of assistance in any way.

**Columbus Christian School - Application for Financial Aid
2010-2011 School Year
Parent Information Sheet**

If the student's original parents are no longer living, or no longer married to each other, questions on this form should be answered in reference to the family with whom the student lived most during the 2009 calendar year. Columbus Christian School offers financial aid to eligible students who desire to attend but are hindered by financial hardships. Students who are on academic or behavioral probation are not eligible to receive scholarship funds. Financial Aid is awarded on the basis of each applicant's need and the amount available in the general scholarship fund. Columbus Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the awarding of financial aid. The completed forms must be returned by **May 1, 2010**. Completed applications should be returned to the school office. A completed application includes the parent information sheet, supporting worksheets, and copies of all 2009 federal tax returns filed by or on behalf of the students and the parents or guardians of the student. All information submitted will be kept confidential.

Full Name of Parent filling out this form: _____

Spouse's Full Name (if applicable): _____

Family's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Numbers: Daytime _____ Evening _____

Spouse's Phone Numbers (if applicable): Daytime _____ Evening _____

Marital Status: Married ____ Single ____ Divorced/Separated ____ Widowed ____

My Age: ____ Spouse's Age (if applicable): ____ State of legal residence: _____

Full Names of Students for whom this form is being filed

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

Number of people in my household. _____

Number of college students in my household in 2010-2011. _____

(do not include you or your spouse)

Number of private secondary school (9-12) students in my household in 2010-2011. _____

Number of private elementary school (K-8) students in my household in 2010-2011. _____

Parents' Income and Asset Information

1. Will you or your spouse file a 2009 tax return? _____.
(If yes, **include a copy of you and your spouse's tax return(s)**. If no, skip to question 6)
2. If you have or will file a 1040, were you eligible to file 1040A or 1040EZ? _____.
(Most individuals would be eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if they made less than \$50,000, did not itemize deductions, had no business or farm income, no alimony and no capital gains)
3. What was your and your spouse's adjusted gross income for 2009? _____.
(IRS form 1040-line 37; 1040A-line 21; 1040EZ-line 4)
4. Enter the total amount of your and your spouse's income tax for 2009. _____.
(IRS form 1040-line 61; 1040A-lines 37; 1040EZ-line 10)
5. Enter the number of exemptions you and your spouse claimed for 2009. _____.
(Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040-line 6d, or on Form 1040A-line 6d. On Form 1040EZ, if you answered "Yes" on line 5, you will need to determine the number of exemptions (\$3,650 equals one exemption). If you answered "No" on line 5, enter 1 if you are single, or 2 if you are married.)
6. How much did you earn from working in 2009? _____
7. How much did your spouse earn from working in 2009? _____
(For question 6 and 7 use W-2 forms, or on IRS Form 1040-lines 7, 12, and 18; 1040A-line 7; or 1040EZ-line 1. Telefilers should use their W-2s.)
8. Enter your and your spouse's total from worksheet A. _____
9. Enter your and your spouse's total from worksheet B. _____
10. Enter your and your spouse's total from worksheet C. _____
(Worksheets A, B, & C are on a separate page.)
11. As of today, what is the net worth of your and your spouse's current investments?

12. As of today, what is the net worth of your and your spouse's current businesses and/or investment farms? (Do not include a farm that you and your spouse live on or operate) _____
(For questions 11 and 12, net worth means current value minus debt. If net worth is negative, enter 0. Investments include real estate (do not include the home you live in), trust funds, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, education IRAs, college savings plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments. Investments do not include the home you live in, cash, savings and checking accounts, the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, non-Education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) or the value of prepaid tuition plans. Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business was used as collateral.)
13. As of today, what is your and your spouse's total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? _____
14. List any individuals outside of the family who will be paying a portion of this family's school bill. If an amount is known, list that as well.

(e.g. aunts, uncles, grandparents, the student's father or mother who is no longer a part of the student's home because of a divorce or separation, a family friend, etc.)

Name	Relationship to Student	Amount
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Important: Money given to pay a specific child's tuition and fees is not considered tax deductible. While we encourage people to invest directly in students that they have a personal interest in, we cannot provide tax deductible receipts for those contributions.

Columbus Christian School
Parents' Income and Asset Information Worksheets

If the student's biological parents are no longer living, or no longer married to each other, questions on these worksheets should be answered in reference to the family (custodial parent and his or her current spouse) with whom the student lived most during the 2009 calendar year. Put in amounts for both spouses and from both spouses' tax returns for the calendar year 2009 for those items that apply. Mark all others N/A.

Worksheet A

Amount

- _____ 1. Earned income credit from IRS Form 1040-line 64a; 1040A-line 41a; 1040EZ-line 9a.
- _____ 2. Additional child tax credit from IRS Form 1040-line 68 or 1040A-line 41.
- _____ 3. Welfare benefits, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Don't include food stamps or subsidized housing.
- _____ 4. Social Security benefits received that were not taxed (such as SSI).

_____ **Total for Worksheet A** (for item 8 in the Parents' Income and Asset Information.)

Worksheet B

- _____ 1. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings) including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S.
- _____ 2. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040-total of lines 28 and 32; or 1040A-line 17.
- _____ 3. Child support **received** for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.
- _____ 4. Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040-line 8b; or 1040A-line 8b.
- _____ 5. Foreign income exclusion from IRS Form 2555-line 42; or 2555EZ-line 18.
- _____ 6. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040-(line 15a minus 15b); or 1040A-(line 11a minus 11b) Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.
- _____ 7. Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040-(line 16a minus 16b); or 1040A-(line 12a minus 12b) Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.
- _____ 8. Credit for Federal tax on special fuels from IRS form 4136-line 17-non-farmers only.
- _____ 9. Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others(including cash payments and cash value of benefits.)
- _____ 10. Veterans' non-education benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.
- _____ 11. Any other untaxed income and benefits not reported elsewhere on Worksheets C and D, such as worker's compensation, untaxed portions of railroad retirement benefits, Black Lung Benefits, disability, etc. Don't include student aid, Workforce Investments Act educational benefits, or benefits from flexible spending arrangements, e.g., cafeteria plans.
- _____ 12. Cash **received** or any money paid on your behalf, not reported elsewhere on this form.

_____ **Total for Worksheet B** (for item 9 in the Parents' Income and Asset Information.)

Worksheet C

- _____ 1. Education credits (Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040-line 49; or 1040A-line 31.
- _____ 2. Child support **paid** because of divorce or separation. Do not include support for children in your household.
- _____ 3. Taxable earnings from Federal Work-Study or other need-based work programs.
- _____ 4. Student grant, scholarship, and fellowship and assistantship aid, including AmeriCorps awards that was reported to the IRS in your adjusted gross income.

_____ **Total for Worksheet C** (for item 10 in the Parents' Income and Asset Information.)