



2022-2023 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

To apply for BRCS financial assistance, parents must complete enrollment/re-enrollment through FACTS Family Portal. Access to FACTS Grant and Aid for BRCS financial assistance is through FACTS Family Portal. Parents should apply first through Step up for Students to see if they qualify for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) or the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES). You can simultaneously apply for BRCS financial assistance, while you are waiting to see if you qualify for one of the scholarships.

Boca Raton Christian School accepts the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) and the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) from Step up for Students (SUFS), which is a state-approved nonprofit scholarship funding organization. BRCS only uses Step up for Students for administration of these scholarships and will only take award letters from this organization. To find out more about these scholarships and the qualification requirements go to www.stepupforstudents.org.

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) and Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES)

Both scholarships are available from the State of Florida. Initial awards of the scholarship are income based and on a first come first served basis. Both scholarships are now a "once in always in" scholarship; however, annual renewal is required. The scholarships are available for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. See the back of this document for the eligibility guidelines. To apply go to www.stepupforstudents.org. Under Apply/Login go to the Scholarship for Private School and click Apply/Login. From there you will be prompted as a New Family or Renewal Family. Call Step Up at 877-735-7837 with any questions. Step up for Students determines if you qualify for either scholarship program. Note: An FES student may not take any state-funded virtual courses without jeopardizing scholarship eligibility.

At this time Step Up has not indicated when **renewal** applications will open or when **new** applications will be accepted. **Please note that SUFS renewal and new award letters are issued on a first come first served basis.** Funding of FTC and FES scholarships are completely independent of Boca Christian. Scholarships from FTC and FES will be taken into consideration in determining if any additional BRCS financial aid will be awarded. Upon renewal or acceptance, bring your FTC or FES award letter from Step Up for Students to BRCS Business Office or email a PDF of the award letter to scholarships@bocachristian.org. Please note that all information is subject to change and always refer to www.stepupforstudents.org for the most up to date information.

Please note: FULL tuition payments are due until any scholarships are awarded and the award letter is received by BRCS.

Financial Assistance Program – Boca Raton Christian School K5-12

Students must be enrolled/reenrolled at BRCS for parents to apply for financial aid through their FACTS Family Portal by clicking on the FINANCIAL tab on the left. Then, on the right under Financial Links, click Apply for Grant and Aid. Last year's fee was \$30. Complete the financial information requested. Be sure that you have applied for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship through Step up for Students first.

- 1. Kindergarten Students** with an FTC, FES, or McKay Scholarship are **NOT** eligible for financial aid. Students without the above may apply for financial aid.
- 2. Returning Students Grades 1-12** with the FTC or FES scholarship may apply for financial aid. McKay Scholarship students are **NOT** eligible for financial aid. The BRCS financial aid application must be completed in full and submitted to FACTS Grant and Aid by April 15, 2022, including the tax returns of both parents if they file separately. If the financial aid application is still in the verification process, it must be verified by FACTS by April 30, 2022. A \$350 administrative fee will be charged per student to any family who does not complete the above process by April 30, 2022. This fee will be deducted from the financial aid grant, if awarded.
- 3. New Families** applying for financial aid **MUST** be accepted to BRCS first. The application for financial aid through FACTS must be completed within ONE WEEK of acceptance (or by April 15th if accepted prior to that date). Your application for the FTC scholarship must be in process when you apply for BRCS financial aid. You do not have to have your award letter before applying for BRCS financial aid. The assumed FTC scholarship will be deducted from tuition before considering the financial aid award. New families enrolling after August 1st, who apply for both FTC and financial aid, will be charged a \$350 administrative fee, which will be deducted from the financial aid grant, if awarded.

Please note: FULL tuition payments are due if and until any financial aid is awarded.

Income Qualifications for a Florida Tax Credit Scholarship and/or Family Empowerment Scholarship as of 2021-2022

If your household income is at or below the levels below visit www.stepupforstudents.org for current eligibility requirements.

- A child entering Kindergarten must be 5 on or before September 1
- A child entering 1st grade must be 6 on or before September 1

Household Income Eligibility Chart
Annual Maximum Gross Income Cap

Household Size	Annual Household Gross Income Cap
1	\$48,300
2	\$65,325
3	\$82,350
4	\$99,375
5	\$116,400
6	\$133,425