

# BOCA CHRISTIAN

## 2024-2025 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Boca Raton Christian School (BRCS) offers financial assistance and accepts state-funded scholarships from Step Up for Students, a scholarship-funding organization.

To apply for financial assistance, please complete the following steps.

Florida State Scholarships: Apply through Step Up for Students to determine eligibility for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) or the Family Empowerment Scholarship - Educational Opportunities (FES-EO).

1. Boca Raton Christian School Financial Assistance Program: Complete the BRCS enrollment/re-enrollment process through the FACTS Family Portal. The FACTS Family Portal provides access to FACTS Grant and Aid for BRCS financial assistance. In FACTS, click on the FINANCIAL tab on the left. Then, click Apply for Grant and Aid on the right under Financial Links. The application fee is \$40. Complete the financial information requested.

**Please note: FULL tuition payments are due if and until any financial aid and/or scholarship is awarded and fully processed by BRCS.**

Please see detailed information about the Florida Scholarship programs and the Boca Raton Christian School financial aid information outlined below.

### **Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) and the Family Empowerment Scholarship - Educational Opportunities (FES-EO) from Step Up for Students (SUFS)**

BRCS accepts the FTC and the FES-EO from Step Up for Students, a state-approved nonprofit scholarship-funding organization. Funding from FTC and FES-EO scholarships is entirely independent of Boca Raton Christian School.

These Florida, K-12, income-based scholarships are on a first-come, first-served basis and are "once in, always in" scholarships. Annual renewal is required. To apply, go to [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org). 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-EO/FTC student may not take state-funded virtual courses unless the family pays separately.

At this time, Step Up has yet to indicate when renewal applications will open or when new applications will be accepted. Please note, that Step Up for Students renewal and new awards are issued on a first-come-first-served basis. Scholarships from FTC/FES-EO will be considered in determining if any additional BRCS financial aid will be awarded. Upon

renewal or award, please email a PDF/screenshot of your student's award ID number in your EMA portal to [scholarships@bocachristian.org](mailto:scholarships@bocachristian.org). Please note that all information is subject to change, and always refer to [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org) for the most up-to-date information.

FES-EO/FTC and FES-UA are the only eligible scholarships accepted by BRCS. To learn more about these scholarships and the qualification requirements, visit [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org).

### **Financial Assistance Program – Boca Raton Christian School K5-12**

Students must be enrolled or re-enrolled at BRCS to apply for financial aid through their FACTS Family Portal. To apply, follow these steps: Click on the FINANCIAL tab on the left. On the right, under Financial Links, click Apply for Grant and Aid. The application fee is \$40. Complete the financial information requested.

Kindergarten Students with an FTC, FES-EO, or FES-UA Scholarship are NOT eligible for financial aid. Students without the above may apply for financial aid.

### **Returning Students**

Returning Students Grades 1-12 with the FTC or FES-EO scholarship may apply for financial aid. FES-UA 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, 2024, 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, 2024. A \$350 administrative fee will be charged per student to any family who does not complete the above process by April 30, 2024. This fee will be deducted from the financial aid grant if awarded.

### **New Students Applying for Financial Aid**

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 15<sup>th</sup> if accepted before that date). You do not have to have your award ID number before applying for BRCS financial aid. The assumed FTC/FES-EO scholarship will be deducted from tuition before considering the financial aid award. New families enrolling after August 1<sup>st</sup>, who apply for FTC/FES-EO and financial aid, will be charged a \$350 administrative fee, which will be deducted from the financial aid grant if awarded.