
INCARNATE WORD HIGH SCHOOL



Financial Data 2009-2010 School Year Expenses & Frequently Asked Questions about Financial Assistance

Please note the following:

- Updated Scholarship Information for 2010 will be available at Open House on Sunday, October 4, 2009.
- The schedule for tuition and fees for 2010 will be published in early spring. The enclosed information is for general information purposes only. All fees are subject to change.

**Incarnate Word High School
Financial Data for School Year 2009-2010**

The following is a recently published list of approved tuition and fees for the 2009-2010 School Year at Incarnate Word High School. **The tuition rates for 2010-2011 school year are set in early Spring 2010.**

(A) Assessed to all students

Name of Fee	Amount	Notes
Tuition	\$7,100.00	
General Fee	\$400.00	Commitment Payment (non-refundable) will hold your space
Registration Fee	\$105.00	Non-refundable
Technology Fee	\$65.00	
Parent Teacher Club	\$150.00	
Deferred Payment Plan	\$35.00	Waived for those making single one-time full tuition payment
Domestic Student Insurance	\$312.00	Mandatory for all student (Note: waived w/proper documentation)
International Student Insurance	\$697.00	Mandatory for all International Dorm Residents

(B) The following fees are fees a student may incur during an academic school year

Name of Fee	Amount	Notes
Add/Drop Fee	\$25.00	
Advance Placement Course Fee	\$90.00	Per AP Course
Applied Music Fee	\$670.00	Piano
Art Course Fee	\$35.00	Per class
Athletic Fee	\$100.00	Per sport
Boarding Fee	\$17,500.00	
Choir Course Fee	\$50.00	
Collection Fee	\$50.00	
Emergency Fund Deposit	\$1,000.00	Assessed to all dorm residents
Financial Aid Application Fee	\$15.00	
Graduation Fee	\$125.00	Seniors Only
Housing Deposit	\$1,500.00	Assessed to all dorm residents
ID Card Replacement Fee	\$10.00	
International Processing Fee	\$250.00	
Late Payment Fee	\$25.00	
Late Registration Fee	\$25.00	
Library Fines	Varies	
Madrigals Course Fee	\$50.00	
Parking Fee	\$35.00	
Return Check Fee	\$25.00	
Science Course Fee	\$20.00	
Testing Fee	Varies	
Transcript Fees	\$2.00	Per transcript

(C) Expenses Payable to Third Party Vendor (estimates for the current school year)

Name of Fee	Amount	Notes
Books	\$600	Purchased at University of Incarnate Word (UIW) Book Store
Uniforms	\$300 - \$350	Dennis Uniform
Shoes	\$45 - \$65	School Shoes Unlimited

ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

A 10% discount is given for each additional daughter simultaneously enrolled. Tuition may be paid in an annual lump sum in which case a 3% discount is offered. Ten (10) monthly payments are also available. Tuition is paid to the school through Tuition Management Systems.

*Registration and General Fee are due in March of every year your student is enrolled at IWHS.

ESL CLASS FEES: Additional fees may apply for International Students not proficient in English. *These fees are payable to the ELS Language Center (located on the UIW campus) not to Incarnate Word High School.* Please consult the ELS Language Center booklet for 2009-2010 costs.

QUESTIONS COMMONLY ASKED BY FAMILIES

1. What is tuition assistance?

Tuition assistance consists of funds given to families who demonstrate a financial need for assistance with tuition expenses at Incarnate Word High School.

2. How is tuition assistance determined?

To determine need, Incarnate Word High School will require families to complete a financial assistance application. Families requesting financial assistance must submit a signed copy of their entire 2007 IRS Form 1040 (including copies of all W-2 forms, schedules, and attachments). Incomplete applications will not be processed. When determining awards, the Financial Assistance Committee considers income, assets, essential living expenses, family size, and the number of students at tuition charging institutions. The Committee also considers the earning potential of a non-working parent if no small children are at home. Families with children at other independent schools or in college are expected to apply for financial assistance from those schools as well.

3. Who can apply?

Anyone can apply for tuition assistance, but only students who have been accepted to Incarnate Word High School, paid the pre-registration fee, and demonstrate financial need, as determined by the IWHS Financial Assistance Committee, will be considered. **Incoming freshman become eligible to receive financial assistance at the beginning of the second nine weeks of their freshman year.**

4. How much tuition assistance may I expect to receive?

Each case is considered individually. The primary responsibility for financing the student's education rests with the family. After all of the family's own resources have been exhausted, parents may wish to apply for financial assistance. In no case will the school offer a grant that represents 100% of tuition expenses.

5. Where do I get an application for tuition assistance and what are the deadlines?

Parents may request the confidential application for financial assistance from the Business Office. Completed applications must be returned to the Business Office by the application deadline. Deadlines are set as follows:

- **February (last day of the month)** - Fall semester applications will be available.
- **May 1st-Completed applications are due by the Close of Business.**
- **June**-Applications will be reviewed and awards determined. Notification to the parents will be mailed.
- **Assistance might be offered at a second time in September based on funds available.** Check with the Business Office in early September.

***Although additional applications will be accepted after deadline dates, it is possible that funds will be exhausted.**

6. Is tuition assistance renewable each year and are there payment options for the tuition expense?

A new application must be filed with the Business Office each year. Changes in your financial status may affect the amount of the award.

Incarnate Word High School offers three (3) payment options to help in making private education a reality.

Parents can pay tuition in full and receive a 3% discount, or semester payments in July and December, or on a ten (10) month plan beginning in July.

Financial Assistance and/or Scholarships when they are awarded are applied to the students tuition account to reduce your ten (10) monthly payments. At no time can an award be used for the complete monthly amount due.

7. Can I lose my financial assistance during the year?

Recipients of financial assistance are expected to meet the same standards of performance as all the other students enrolled. If a student withdraws from IWHS or is asked to leave, financial assistance awarded will be withdrawn.

Below is a quick financial self-evaluation designed to help you determine if you would qualify for financial assistance.

- Is the total household income more than \$40,000 per year? Y/N
- Is this a single parent household? Y/N
- If NO, are both parents employed? Y/N
- Do you have other dependents in tuition paying schools? Y/N
- Do you own (or are you purchasing) your home? Y/N
- Does any member in your household have a retirement fund? Y/N
- Does any member in your household have a savings fund/account? Y/N
- Is anyone in your household named in a trust? Y/N
- Do you have a relative who could help in any way financially? Y/N

If you answered NO to most of these questions, you may want to consider applying for Financial Assistance. These questions are in no way intended to determine if you will receive an award but are only intended to give you a general indication if you would qualify for some level of assistance. We encourage you to apply to Incarnate Word High School for financial assistance if you feel your financial circumstance fall within the criteria outlined in this information sheet.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Incarnate Word High School Scholarship Program, funded through private donations, provides an opportunity for students to be honored for their academic achievements. Returning students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades for the school year 2009-2010 may complete an application for the following scholarships.

- IWHS Scholarship (Five will be awarded per class)
- National Honor Society, Parent/Teacher Club, Student Council Scholarships (Number of scholarships varies based on funding)
- Roger Labat Scholarship (One to an 11th or 12th grade student)

Applications are available in the Business Office beginning the last week of February and are due back by the close of business on May 1st. Applications received after this date will not be reviewed. Notification of awards will be mailed in June.

Scholarship qualifications:

- GPA 90.0 or above
- Review of Academic/Behavioral Status
- An essay describing your accomplishments and contributions to IWHS.

Are there scholarships for incoming freshmen?

Academic Distinction Scholarship

Students maintaining a grade point average of 96 in their 7th and 8th grade year are eligible to receive a one time \$500 scholarship. Middle school principal contacted for verification.

High School Placement Test (HSPT)

Based upon the highest scores achieved on the High School Placement Test, the Admission Committee awards fifteen (15) academic scholarships valued at \$500.00 each. Every student who takes the HSPT on the assigned day at IWHS is eligible for a High School Placement Test Scholarship. These are non-renewable scholarships.

Mother Pierre Jeanne Cinquin Scholarship

Also offered is the Mother Pierre Jeanne Cinquin, CCVI Scholarships. Four (4) half-tuition scholarships are awarded to students who meet the qualifications as stated in the application. Students must come in person to IWHS to pick up an application which will be available in the Front Office. Complete the entire application (including teacher/principal recommendations and personal essay) and send the completed packet together. **Packets must be returned to the Enrollment office by the designated date/time (to be announced at a later date) in order to be considered for these scholarships.** Please contact the Enrollment Office (210-829-3123) for the release date.

The Brainpower Scholarship

The University of the Incarnate Word offers a scholarship through the Brainpower Connection Schools. Accepted incoming freshmen from St. Peter Prince of the Apostles and St. Anthony Elementary Schools are welcome to apply. Applications will be sent after pre-registration is completed. Questions should be directed to the Business Office.

The IWHS Alumnae Association Scholarship

Provided by the IWHS Alumnae Advisory Board, a volunteer organization, scholarships are distributed among freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. These amounts vary depending on the year's fund raising efforts. Recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, academic record, teacher recommendation, and parental interest in IWHS alumnae activities. The IWHS Alumnae Advisory Board awards the scholarships on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee. **All students wishing to be considered for the Alumnae Scholarship must apply on the official application form by May 1 in the year preceding tenure.** Applications should be addressed to: IWHS Alumnae Relations, 727 E. Hildebrand, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Valedictorian / Salutatorian Scholarships

A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for the freshman year will be awarded to any student, accepted for admission to IWHS, who graduates as the valedictorian or salutatorian of their middle school class. These students then become eligible for \$1,000.00 scholarships each year thereafter if they remain in the top 10% of their class.

Will Incarnate Word High School accept outside scholarships?

Yes, our Business Office will require proof of the scholarship(s), which can be a copy of the award letter or certificate. It is the parent's responsibility to be sure the scholarship check is sent to IWHS. We will be happy to provide what information may be needed to show proof of enrollment for your student. If your tuition is adjusted by the scholarship but the awarded amount is not received, the family will be held responsible for the outstanding tuition amount.

Incoming freshmen may want to inquire at their churches, parishes, or organizations such as The Knights of Columbus, Altar Society, Men's Club, Mother's League, etc. for assistance with tuition expenses. In the past, incoming freshmen have brought scholarships with them from their middle schools. Check with the main office of your current school to see if they offer financial assistance. You may also check with the Human Resources Office at the parents' place of employment to see if tuition reimbursement or scholarships for high school are offered. Also, inquire with parents' professional organizations or unions for scholarship or financial aid opportunities.

Many families also find financial assistance through private lending companies and banks (i.e., Sallie Mae at slmfinancial.com). Check your local sources for loan opportunities at low interest rates.

If this brochure has not answered all your questions, please contact the Business Office, 727 E. Hildebrand, San Antonio Texas 78212 (210)-829-3115.