



School year 2021-2022

## Financial Aid Application

### Resurrection Lutheran Academy

“Growing by the Cross”

Resurrection Lutheran Academy (RLA) currently utilizes three independent funding sources for financial aid distribution. The Scholarship Committee will review your application and qualifications to determine the amount and type of financial aid offered to your family. Applications received by April 16<sup>th</sup> will receive first consideration, all others will be reviewed with consideration of program guidelines and fund availability. If you have questions regarding your specific situation, please make an appointment to speak with our Executive Director by contacting the office: 574-272-2200.

**Dale Timm Scholarship Fund:**

This private scholarship fund was established in memory of Dale R. Timm. He believed very strongly in faith-based education as foundational to student faith development. It was his concern for families who were facing financial sacrifices in order to provide this faith-based educational opportunity for their children that lead to the creation of this scholarship fund.

**Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana:**

The Lutheran SGO of Indiana exists to raise funds from individuals and businesses to provide scholarship funds to all eligible students wanting to attend an Indiana Lutheran school. More information can be found on their website: [www.lutheransgo.org](http://www.lutheransgo.org).

**Indiana Choice Scholarship:**

Choice Scholarships provide State funding to qualifying students that can be used to offset tuition costs at participating Choice schools. Students qualify based on student eligibility criteria and household income. More information can be found on their website: [www.doe.in.gov/choice](http://www.doe.in.gov/choice).

<b>General Information</b>
Name of Applicant (adult):
Relationship to Child(ren):
Home Street Address:
City, State, Zip:
School Corp of Legal Settlement:
MLEA Church Membership (If Applicable):

<b>Students Attending Resurrection Lutheran Academy</b>				
Name(s)	Grade for 2021-2022	School Office Only		
		STN	DC	Undiscounted Tuition/Fees

**Financial Information**

**Attach your 2020 tax return (must include both the household number and AGI). Carefully read the attached rules – not all income is listed on your tax return.**

Total number of income producing adults in the household:		Total number of people in household (including children):	
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If this is different than the household size on your Federal Tax Return, please explain:

Combined household income:

If this is different than the AGI on your Federal Tax Return or includes alternate income (i.e. child support/alimony), please explain:

Place of employment for the adult(s) in household:

**Explanation**

We understand that sometimes tax returns don't tell the whole story. Please explain the reason that financial help is needed:

I attest that this financial aid application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Scholarship Committee will review my application and determine financial assistance subject to program guidelines, financial need, and fund availability. Due to the sensitive nature of the information provided, I understand that the Scholarship Committee will maintain the confidentiality of this application reporting only to the individuals or agencies (i.e. IDOE) necessary to attain my financial aid. I am aware that my completed application and Federal Tax Return must be returned to the school office by April 16<sup>th</sup> for first consideration.

Signature:	Date:
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**Office Use Only**

Application #:	Date(s) Received	Application:	Tax Info:
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## **State Guidelines for Determining Household Income**

### **The following types of income must be included in the total household income:**

- Earnings From Work
  - o Wages, Salaries, tips, commissions, overtime pay, bonuses
  - o Net income from self-owned business and farms
  - o Strike benefits, unemployment compensation, and worker's compensation
- Welfare/Child Support/Alimony
  - o Public assistance payments/welfare benefits
  - o Alimony or child support payments
- Child's Income
  - o Earnings of a child who is a full-time or regular part-time employee are included
  - o Social Security
  - o Supplemental security income
- Retirement/Disability Benefits
  - o Pensions, retirement income, veterans' benefits
  - o Social Security
  - o Supplemental security income
  - o Disability benefits
- Other Income
  - o Distributions from retirement or investment accounts
  - o Rental income, annuities, and royalties
  - o Interest and dividend income
  - o Inheritance, income from estates, trusts and/or investments
  - o Regular contributions from persons not living in the household
  - o Cash or investment gifts
  - o Military pay that is not received as a result of the service member's deployment to or service in an area that has been designated as a combat zone
  - o Military pay that is received prior to the service member's deployment to or service in the designated combat zone
  - o Life insurance benefits
  - o Living Allowance

### **The following types of income are excluded from the total household income:**

- Payments received for the care of foster children
- Student financial assistances provided for the costs of attendance at an educational institution, such as grants and scholarships
- Loans, such as bank loans
- Value of non-cash benefits
- Value of benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Food Distribution Program on Indiana Reservations (FDPIR)
- Military pay received as a result of the service member's deployment to or service in an area that has been designated as a combat zone
- Occasional earnings received on an irregular basis (not recurring, such as payment for occasional baby-sitting or mowing lawns)
- Adoption Subsidies

## **State Guidelines for Determining Household Size**

The term household means a group of related or nonrelated individuals who are living as one economic unit and who share housing and or significant income and expenses. More than one economic unit may reside together in the same house. Separate economic units in the same house are characterized by prorating expenses and economic independence from one another. The following special situations should be considered when determining household size:

- Foster and Foreign Exchange Students
  - o Foster children and foreign exchange students are considered to be members of the household in which they reside.
- Divorce or Separation
  - o Children of divorced or separated parents are part of the household that has 50% or more custody
  - o When joint custody has been awarded and the child physically changes residence, the child is considered part of the household where s/he resides for the majority of the year.
- Emancipated Child
  - o A child living alone or as a separate economic unit is considered to be a household of one.
- Family Members Living Apart
  - o Family members living apart on a temporary basis are considered household members.
  - o Family members not living in the household for an extended period of time are not considered members of the household for purpose of determining eligibility, but any money made available by them or on their behalf for the household is included as income to the household.
- Child Attending an Institution
  - o A child who attends, but does not reside, in an institution is considered a member of the household in which the child resides.
- Child Away at School
  - o A child who is temporarily away at school (college or boarding school) is included as a member of the household.
- Child Living with One Parent, Relative, or Friends
  - o In cases where no specific welfare agency or court is legally responsible for the child or where the child is living with one parent, other relatives, or friends of the family, the child is considered to be a member of the household with whom the child resides.
- Deployed Service Personnel
  - o Any member of the armed services who is activated or deployed in support of any military combat operation is counted as a household member.

The following changes in circumstances are currently recognized by the IDOE as events that would render the prior year tax return no long accurate:

- Involuntary job loss (permanent)
- Involuntary reduction of hours (permanent)
- Death of a household member
- Separation/divorce of the parents/guardians