



## **STUDENT AID FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dear Student Aid Applicant:

We are delighted that you have expressed an interest in having your child attend the Greater Collegedale School System. We are grateful that God has blessed us with resources to help families that need an extra boost to cover the costs of a Christian education. We want to make you aware that Student Aid funds are largely available because of the generous gifts of alumni and friends. Year after year they find great value in supporting A.W. Spalding Elementary, Collegedale Adventist Middle School and Collegedale Academy. If it were not for these gifts, the Student Aid we award could not be offered.

With a large enrollment, we do our best to help as many families as we can with the resources given. However, we cannot always give everything that is requested, generally limiting even the largest grants to less than half of the total costs. Because we desire older students to gradually assume a greater financial responsibility for their own education, we expect that students who are in the Academy will work to pay on their school bill, both in the summer and throughout the school year. Accordingly, we usually reduce the amount of aid given to Junior and Senior students overall.

There are opportunities at the GCSS for students to earn resources for their own school accounts, and we support a number of initiatives on campus to enable their participation. From the more traditional after-school jobs, to the newer ASSIST/PFE sponsored program that enables **ALL** children, K-12, the potential to earn money for their bill, student earnings are another component of a strong partnership with the local church and school.

And, to round out the many partners that are often needed to secure a firm financial foundation for each student, we also encourage families to solicit their local church for student aid/worthy student funds as well. With each of the four pillars of financial support on board ... the family, the student, the church and the school ... financial success is much more attainable.

There are a couple of other important policies that we must adhere to in the administration of financial aid at GCSS:

1. As mentioned above, it is the policy of the Student Aid Committee to limit any awards to no more than 50% of tuition, and very few recipients receive even that much.
2. We do not grant student aid for students in the PK/Montessori program.
3. A family that receives educational subsidy as a result of employment by a SDA church entity is ineligible for aid.
4. Students who do not begin school on the first day of the school year cannot be guaranteed their student aid with a later start.
5. Finally, any CA student who participates in TSSAA athletic teams, by state rule **cannot** receive student aid.

We need 3 things from you to correctly apply for Student Aid:

- 1) Please fill out the attached APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID – COMPLETELY!
- 2) Attach a copy of your 2015 1040 tax form, W-2's and supporting schedules.
- 3) Write us a letter explaining the reasons for your Student Aid request.

Please turn in your completed information to the Business Office as soon as possible. **The deadline for applications is APRIL 30, 2016.** Applications received after this date may not be able to be considered, dependent on the funds that are disbursed in mid-May. You will be notified by letter, addressed to the location given on your application, by the end of May.

Thank you again for your consideration of the GCSS for the education of your child. We take this trust very seriously, and hope that our partnership with you garners the best for your student. If you have any questions, please call the Business Office at (423) 396-2124. May God bless you as you plan for next year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve", is written over a faint, larger signature that is partially obscured.

Steven C. Blackburn  
Chief Financial Officer

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# Greater Collegedale School System

AW Spalding Elementary School - Collegedale Adventist Middle School - Collegedale Academy

## APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID -- 2016-2017

### PARENT INFORMATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Status     Married     Single     Separated     Divorced    Deceased:  Mother  Father

If separated, divorced or deceased, does the parent with whom the student lives receive child support or social security for him/her?     Yes     No    If yes, how much is received per month? \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase price of home \_\_\_\_\_ Year purchased \_\_\_\_\_ House payment or rent per month \_\_\_\_\_

Father's (Or Step) Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's (Or Step) Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Does either employer provide educational benefits/subsidy?    Mother  Yes  No    Father  Yes  No

**PLEASE NOTE: If you answered yes for either parent, you will by policy be ineligible for GCSS Student Aid.**

Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Have you requested Student Aid from your church?  Yes  No

If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have any other children attending other SDA or private schools during the 2016-2017 School Year?

If so, please list name(s) & school(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Please list below the COMPLETE information for each child for whom Student Aid is requested. **The parent contribution, student earnings (if applicable) & aid request should equal total tuition & fees for the year.**

Student Name	Grade	Yearly Parent Contribution	Yearly Student Earnings	Yearly Student Aid Request	Yearly Total Tuition/Fees

### **ATTACHMENTS: These documents are REQUIRED in order to be considered for financial aid.**

- 1)** A copy of your 2015 1040 tax form, W-2's *and supporting schedules*. If you reported a business gain or loss, please attach a copy of Schedule C.
- 2)** Please use the reverse side or attach a separate letter explaining your circumstances and the reasons you need assistance with tuition for your student(s).

Signature of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**All blanks must be filled in for this request to be considered.**