



The following options are available for families who wish to
apply for financial aid:

A. BLOCS -BLOCS (Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools) is a need-based scholarship service funded through tax contributions from companies, firms and foundations throughout the Philadelphia region.

The BLOCS portal is now open. **Families are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as applications are processed in the order in which they are received.** You can access the website at www.smartaidforparents.com. In order to qualify for BLOCS, families with one dependent must have an annual income of less than \$91,620. For each additional dependent, you can earn an additional \$15,270 per child with a maximum of five children. The application fee is \$25.00, and the priority deadline is December 31, 2016.

B. Parish financial assistance - applications are available in the school office and at the rectory. Families must apply for BLOCS prior to applying for the parish financial assistance.

C. Alive in Christ Scholarship - applications are available in the school office and at the rectory.

Note: Financial aid forgives partial/full tuition payments only. It does not cover School fees, Home and School dues, Cafeteria fees, Stationery monies, etc.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel School 2017 – 2018 Financial Aid School Settings

Access Application

www.smartaidforparents.com

Priority Deadline 12/31/2016

School ID:

91027

School Name:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

Application due:

3/31/2017

Supporting documents due:

3/31/2017

Eligible Grades:

PK - 8

Smart Aid Application Fee:

\$25

Required Supporting Documentation:

Applications submitted without documentation will not be finalized.

- **2016** tax returns before 3/31/17

Submitting Documentation:

Documentation is not submitted at the time the application is completed. Documentation must be submitted after the filing of 2016 taxes. Application IDs must be included on all documents. Failure to include your ID will delay processing of your application.

- Direct Upload: www.smartaidforparents.com (login with your username and password)

Contact Information:

- Phone Support: (800)-360-8027
- Email Support: support@smartaidforparents.com

Notification of Financial Aid:

Once your application is processed, a financial aid recommendation will be forwarded to Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. All final financial aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any), will be made by Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. If you have not received notification regarding financial aid by July 1st, contact Nicole Breeze at 215-348-4190.



SMARTAID

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School 2017 – 2018 Financial Aid Online Instructions

1. Online Application

Visit: www.smartaidforparents.com

2. Section 1 – Household Information

Parent/Guardian: Enter the parent or guardian's contact information. Dependent: Enter all dependents that live in the household. For dependents in college, select the "attending another private school" status option.

3. Section 2 – Selecting A School

Enter your school's five-digit code or name in the search box. If you want to search for schools near you that are participating in the Smart Aid program, you can search by city and state. Make your selection by checking the select check box. Once a school or multiple schools are selected, you will then need to select the student(s) you wish to apply for aid at the appropriate school(s). After the school(s) have been selected, you will then need to select the upcoming grade for the student, student code (if applicable), and expected tuition (if applicable) for the upcoming year. Clicking "next" after each section will allow you to move on to each subsequent section.

4. Section 3 – Income & Expenses

Enter any income the household receives; employment, business or supplemental. If the work status is selected as 'employed', 'self-employed', 'unemployed, receiving benefits', or 'disabled, receiving benefits,' you will be required to enter this income source in the appropriate section before moving through the application. Please enter all expenses as they pertain to your household.

5. Section 4 – Assets & Debts

Enter all assets and debts as they pertain to your household.

6. Section 5 – Special Circumstances

Check off any special circumstance that pertains to your household. If no option available best describes your household's circumstance, please check 'other' and describe your situation. This information is confidential and will only be available to designated School Administration and Smart Aid staff.

7. Section 6 – Submit

If your school uses family school codes, please make the appropriate selection. Agree to Smart Aid's terms and conditions, then click SUBMIT to complete your online application.

Please be sure to enter all fields with accuracy.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who should complete this aid application?

A: Whomever the child resides with should complete this application whether it is a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, or legal guardian. There is a section within the application where you can enter contributions from non-custodial parents and relatives.

Q: Why do I need to input my spouse's information if I am remarried and they are not legally responsible for my children?

A: Smart Aid's calculation works off of the total household income, therefore including all income, whether the party is legally responsible for your children or not. Our system however, does take into effect your spouse's expenses as well as their income. It is important to list all expenses that are asked of within the application.

Q: I do not have the required tax documents. HELP!

A: You are required to include ONLY tax information from the 2016 return. These should be uploaded after you have filed your 2016 return. If you are asked for a specific line from a tax document that you have not yet completed, please estimate the projected amount.

Q: How will I know if I qualify for aid or not?

A: We do not disclose information about the results of your application. All final tuition aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any); will be made by your school. For the date award notices will be given, please contact your school directly.

Q: What if I want to edit my application?

A: Once an application has been submitted and paid for it can no longer be edited by a parent. However, if changes are necessary a written statement with the change (including the application ID), should be sent to support@smartaidforparents.com.