

Variable Tuition FAQs

What is Variable Tuition?

Variable Tuition is a needs-based reduced tuition program. This program allows families to apply for a reduced tuition that is affordable based on their unique financial situation.

How is Variable Tuition Calculated?

Many factors are considered when determining the tuition rate a family will be able to pay including income, assets, investments, expenses, etc. The resources available to a family in a given year are also taken into account.

What documents will I need to complete my Variable Tuition application?

Arches Academy has partnered with School and Student Services from the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) to evaluate the application and to make a determination of need. The process is completed confidentially online and NAIS makes a recommendation to Arches Academy.

SSS will need a variety of documentation such as:

- Your most recent federal tax return
- Current W-2 forms
- Documentation of any child support and/or social security income
- Other documentation as requested by SSS during the application process

Should every family submit an application for Variable Tuition?

No. Families should only apply for Variable Tuition if they feel unable to afford the full tuition rate and if they think they may qualify for the program.

Are some families awarded \$0 tuition?

No. Everyone is required to make a financial investment in their child's education.

Will every family that applies receive a Variable Tuition Rate?

Unfortunately Arches Academy is not able to provide Variable Tuition to all students that deserve it. We work within the school's available resources to make it as accessible to as many families as possible.

Do I need to apply for Variable Tuition every year?

Yes. A new application is needed each year.

Will Variable Tuition lead to larger classes?

No. Arches Academy has already established the maximum class size. Within those limited sizes, Arches Academy may accept qualified students that add to the culture of learning at Arches Academy based on merit and seat availability.

Do I need to apply to Arches before applying for Variable Tuition?

Yes, your student must be accepted before you start the Variable Tuition application.