

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, only families who feel they are unable to afford the full tuition rate and if they think they may qualify for the program should apply.

Are some families awarded \$0 tuition?

No. Everyone is required to make a financial investment of some level in their child's education. Tuition reductions are typically around 10-30%.

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, since financial situations can change from year to year.

What other responsibilities or agreements are there for Variable Tuition?

Parents who are given a reduced tuition agree to 'give back' to the school with required volunteer hours and remain current on tuition, and students must keep a C or above grade average and be model, stellar students.

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?

No. A parent can apply for Variable Tuition at any time during the enrollment process. However, the final decision for VT will not be made until after a tour, trial day, and testing for placement has been completed.