

Austin Jewish Academy 2026-27 Tuition Assistance Information

The goal of the Tuition Assistance Program is to balance the needs of our families with Austin Jewish Academy's (AJA) commitment to maintaining the school's financial health. Please follow the timelines and guidelines below to ensure that your request can be considered.

Minimum Tuition. AJA allocates tuition assistance based solely on demonstrated financial need, and every family is required to pay the minimum tuition for the school year as set by the AJA Board of Trustees. The minimum tuition is **\$7,350 per student**. Please note that tuition assistance is not awarded for any school-related fees, all of which must be paid in full by each family regardless of the level of tuition assistance received.

Eligibility. For returning families, tuition assistance applications can only be processed if the family is current with all tuition payments under their existing tuition contract. New families may apply for tuition assistance once they have submitted an application.

The Tuition Assistance Application. To ensure a fair and consistent assessment, AJA contracts with FACTS Management Grant & Aid, a third-party financial evaluation service, to review applications and provide tuition assistance recommendations.

The following supporting documents are required to complete the tuition assistance application. **Please note that tuition assistance applications must be marked by FACTS as "Complete" no later than January 30, 2026, to be part of the priority admissions candidate pool.**

FACTS considers a tuition assistance application complete when the following documents have been submitted:

1. 2024 or 2025 IRS Federal Tax Return, including all supporting schedules. If the applicant and co-applicant file separately, FACTS requires both tax returns for the same tax year.
2. Copies of all current-year W-2 wage and tax statements for both the applicant and co-applicant.
3. Copies of all supporting tax documents if you have business income/loss from any of the following:
 - a. Business: Schedule C or C-EZ and Form 4562 (Depreciation and Amortization)
 - b. Farm: Schedule F and Form 4562 (Depreciation and Amortization)
 - c. Rental Property: Schedule E (page 1)
 - d. S-Corporation: Schedule E (page 2), Form 11205 (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
 - e. Partnership: Schedule E (page 2), Form 1065 (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
 - f. Estates and Trusts: Schedule E (page 2), Form 1041 and Schedule K-1

Important: If you file a tax return but do not have W-2 wages because you are self-employed, you must submit a copy of your current-year Federal Form 1040 Tax Return.

The Process:

1. Go to Online.FACTSMgt.com/Aid to apply for tuition assistance.
2. After you submit all required tax documents (as outlined above), FACTS will review your application and make a tuition assistance recommendation. If FACTS requires additional information, you will be notified by email.
3. Once FACTS has made its recommendation, the Business Office will email you a grant award letter by February 13, 2026.
4. You will have until February 16, 2026, to accept or appeal the grant award by signing and returning the award letter to the Business Office.
5. If a new, documentable financial change occurs after the grant award is accepted, you must submit the relevant information to the Business Office within seven days.

Note: Failure to adhere to these deadlines and timelines may result in the forfeiture of the tuition deposit and may jeopardize both the tuition assistance application and the student's enrollment status.

AJA PAJA Privacy Policy

AJA is committed to protecting the privacy of each family's financial information and takes appropriate steps to maintain confidentiality, subject to the guidelines below and any applicable state or federal regulations.

- Access to family financial information submitted with the tuition assistance application is limited to the AJA Tuition Assistance Review Committee, AJA's Business Officer, and FACTS personnel.
- Access to tuition assistance award amounts is also available to the Head of School, Assistant Head of School, and the CPA firm that conducts AJA's annual independent financial audit.
- Access to aggregate statistics is available to the AJA Board of Trustees and AJA Administration and may be discussed publicly. Aggregate statistics will not allow individual family names or assistance levels to be identified.

Please contact Susan Snyder, Business Officer, at susan.snyder@ajaschool.org or (512) 735-8368 if you have any questions about the tuition assistance policy or procedures. We look forward to working with you.