

April 5, 2024

Dear Clarinda Lutheran School Families,

It is time to start planning for the upcoming school year!

The new school year for your family begins with the information in this packet. Please fill out the enclosed re-enrollment form for the 2024-2025 school year and return it to the Clarinda Lutheran School office by Monday, April 29th. There is a \$50 (non-refundable) re-enrollment fee for each family if paid by Wednesday, May 1, 2024; \$100 if paid after May 1, 2024.

For the 2024-2025 school year, tuition will be \$7,750 + \$250 annual maintenance fee to LEAF = \$8,000.

This packet also includes **two financial aid applications:**

First, you will find the flier with the **ILSTO** information. The deadline for the online ILSTO application is May 1, 2024. Apply at <https://www.iowalutheransto.com/>. Tax information or an affidavit will need to be included with your online ILSTO application. ILSTO aid is given by private individuals through the ILSTO organization to help cover tuition for students who attend a Lutheran school whose ESAs do not cover the full tuition or for those students who may not qualify for ESAs yet this year. All families should apply online to ILSTO.

You will also find the **Clarinda Lutheran School application for financial aid** which will need to be returned to the Clarinda Lutheran School office by Monday, April 29th. This financial aid will be given to Clarinda Lutheran School students who do not qualify for ESAs or ILSTO or need help with tuition in addition to receiving ESAs and ILSTO.

If you have any questions on either financial aid application, please don't hesitate to ask.

Education Savings Accounts (ESA's): Families in Iowa whose children are enrolled in The application window for the 2024-25 school year is open from 8:00 a.m. on April 16, 2024 through 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2024. 2024-2025 Eligibility: All students entering Kindergarten in a private school, all students previously enrolled in public school, and students enrolled in a private school with a household income at or below 400% of the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines are eligible to receive ESAs. Applications are valid for one year; a family must apply annually to remain eligible for the program. It is the responsibility of the family to apply. To apply, go on the Iowa Department of Education Website under Apply For Students First ESA:
<https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educational-choice/education-savings-accounts#apply-for-students-first-esa>

Returning ESA Applicants: Parents/guardians with an existing Odyssey portal account will log in to the existing account to begin the application for the 2024-25 school year.

We look forward to the 2024-2025 school year at Clarinda Lutheran School!

Blessings,

Laveta Clement

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