

Dear Families,

We are excited to share that FAST, our financial assistance application partner, has made several enhancements to its system for the upcoming financial aid year. These updates were designed to make applying for financial assistance simpler and more efficient. Here are some of the updates you can expect to see:

1. **A simplified and streamlined application:** The dynamic questions make the application process easier and quicker for families to navigate.
2. **Direct Tax Pulls from the IRS:** A seamless and automated system allows you to securely consent to having your taxes pulled directly from the IRS, saving you time and effort.
3. **One Family Account:** Manage your application with a single account year-over-year. Submit one application regardless of the number of applicants. If you have multiple children and need to submit this application to different schools, that's no problem; you can do so with one application!
4. **Streamlined Application:** Dynamic questions mean you only need to answer questions relevant to your financial status
5. **Enhanced Mobile Experience:** With a user-friendly mobile experience, you can easily complete your application anytime, anywhere.
6. **Re-Applying Next Year:** One family account will save you time next year. When reapplying next year, you'll simply log into the same account, confirm your pre-filled data, or update any fields with changes- no more starting from scratch each year.

The **NEW** link for this year's application is <https://apply.ismfast.com/>

We're confident these updates will help make the re-application process much easier and faster for families. FAST's dedicated support team is always available if you need any assistance. You can contact 1-877-326-FAST or familysupport@ismfast.com.