

## How to Respond to Questions on the FACTS Application

**Question:** There is a section in the FACTS application that asks me to enter student name, school name, tuition amount and the actual tuition I pay, do I need to enter this for all of my children?

**Answer:** Yes. It is vitally important for you to include this information. If your tax return indicates that you have 5 dependents and the scholarship committee sees tuition listed for only one child they will question the accuracy of the entire application. Therefore it is essential that you list all the tuitions you are actually paying (other than college) whether those schools require a FACTS application or not.

**Failure to include this information will result in FACTS determining you have greater resources than you really have and may result in your not receiving a scholarship.**

**Question:** FACTS is for K-12 grades, I am applying for a gap year program, what should I do?

**Answer:** The grade should be the applicant's current grade and the **school name should be the Center for Jewish Education**. If you are paying tuition for other children, and you are applying for a gap year program scholarship, the grade(s) listed for your other children should be the grade they will be in next year. If you are applying for a class trip, semester or summer program the grade(s) listed for your other children should be the current grade just like the applicant.

**Question:** FACTS is for K-12 grades, I am applying for a gap year program, what should I put down for tuition I'm paying?

**Answer:** The tuition for the child applying should be the **out-of-pocket** cost you anticipate paying for the Israel program. If you are paying tuition for other children, the tuition should be the **out-of-pocket** cost to you for each of them next year. If you are applying for a class trip, semester or summer program the tuition(s) for your other children should be the **out-of-pocket** cost you are paying for the current school year. FACTS asks 2 questions regarding tuition – “Annual Tuition (Provided by School)” and “How much of this child's tuition can you and/or the co-applicant pay for the year?” – **YOUR ANSWER(S) SHOULD MATCH THE ANSWER YOU GIVE ON THE CFIE PORTION OF THE APPLICATION WHICH ASKS: “Total amount of OUT OF POCKET tuition you expect to pay for the children in the question above. This should only include preschool thru 12th grade.”**

*For example, if you have 3 other children (other than the applicant), Preschool thru 12th grades, and you expect to pay \$5,000 out-of-pocket per child for tuition next year, you would enter \$15,000 in the box below.”*

**Question:** FACTS is asking me to submit my 2018 tax returns and they have not been completed yet, what should I do?

**Answer:** You may submit your 2017 tax returns if you will not have your 2018 tax returns available by the deadline.

Depending on your financial situation, FACTS may ask you to submit documents in addition to your 1040s. FACTS takes a minimum of 2 weeks to verify your application. **Therefore it would behoove you to complete the FACTS application and submit all the supporting documentation they require well before the deadline. Please be sure to check your email regularly since FACTS will be communicating with you regarding whether or not you have submitted all necessary documentation.**

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