



FAST APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS | BRIDGE KINDER-EIGHTH GRADE

If you need more detailed instructions than the below, please read through the [FAST Family Application Guide](#) or watch a [video tutorial](#).

1. Go to the First Baptist Academy website at www.fbahouston.org.
2. Navigate to the *Financial Assistance* section under the *Admissions* menu.
3. Click on the "FAST" link button under *Application Process*. The application process is self-guided. You may navigate in and out of the program allowing you to partially complete an application and go back to it at another time. Email familysupport@ismfast.com for help. Please be sure and save your username and password somewhere safe as it will not be saved during the online registration process.
4. The application fee is \$60.00 and will be collected before submitting your application.
5. Financial Aid applications must be completed by **February 1, 2026**. After this deadline, you may contact Mary Torregrossa to determine if funds remain available.
6. FBA is planning to accept funds from Texas Education Freedom Accounts, or TEFA, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. As the program is being developed and FBA becomes officially enrolled, we will provide more information. In the meantime, please visit educationfreedom.texas.gov for more information and learn how your family may qualify. We are told applications for families will be available from February 4 to March 17. FBA will require all families applying for financial assistance to also apply for TEFA funds. Any TEFA amount awarded will reduce the amount of financial assistance given by FBA. However, at this time, if you want to be considered for FBA's financial assistance, you must apply with FBA by February 1.

The Financial Aid Committee of First Baptist Academy reviews each request for financial aid. Financial Aid grants are reviewed on a need basis and are not guaranteed from year to year. New applicants to FBA must complete the entire application process prior to the review of the financial aid application.