

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FAST APPLICATION 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

RETURNING STUDENTS

BRIDGE KINDER-EIGHTH GRADE

The FAST system has been updated for the 2025-2026 financial aid applications. Please note the following updates:

- A seamless and automated system allows you to securely consent to having your taxes pulled directly from the IRS. However, you will be required to upload your 2024 W-2.
- Your application can be managed by a single account year-over-year. Submit one application regardless of the number of applicants. You are able to submit one application to other FAST schools with multiple children.
- The updated system is mobile forward and can easily be completed using your mobile device.
- When reapplying next year, you will simply log into the same account, confirm pre-filled data or update changes.

We hope the updates will make the application process easier and faster for families. If you need more detailed instructions than the below, please read through the <u>FAST FAQs</u> or watch a <u>video tutorial</u>.

- 1. Go to the First Baptist Academy website at www.fbahouston.org.
- 2. Navigate to the *Financial Assistance* section under the *Admissions* tab.
- 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. Online email and a 24/7 helpline is provided. 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 2, 2025**. After this deadline, you may contact Katrina Lee to determine if funds remain available.

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.