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A TIP

Private schools often prioritize admissions decisions based on the school's desire to enroll mission-fit families. If you find a school that shares your values, there's a good chance they will want to enroll your child at their school, so don't be afraid to check it out.

HOW CAN I AFFORD A PRIVATE SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR MY CHILD?

Many families are stretched tight on budgets and don't see a way to make room for private school tuition. They long for the smaller classrooms, Christian foundation, and community many private schools provide but feel the cost is too steep. The first thing to remember, whatever you choose, is that God has good plans for your children and that he is faithful to provide for their future.

There are several ways to stretch your dollars and find some extra room in your annual or monthly budget to consider your local private school. While these tips may cause a temporary change in lifestyle, the investment in your children's' spiritual formation will pay a lifetime of dividends and perhaps into eternity while providing an education for your children that aligns with your values. We've put together some tips to give your family ways to help make the investment into a private school a reality:

WISDOM

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. --Proverbs 9:10

LIMIT EATING OUT



With online recipes and grocery delivery, it's easier than ever to put together simple meals during the busy week. Staying home for meals can add up over the course of a month and certainly a year. It will also provide a sense of anticipation and appreciation for those special occasions when you do splurge on a restaurant meal. Similarly, limiting specialty beverages such as coffee drinks, smoothies or soda can begin to add up. Make these drinks at home and you will begin to see your savings account grow.

VACATIONS

Thousands of dollars can be saved by simplifying vacations while your students are still in school. Consider local spots that don't require expensive airfare. Staying at lodging with a kitchen minimizes restaurant expenses while away from home. Vacations focused on the outdoors rather than amusement parks or far away places can also keep money in your pocket.

TAX-FREE TUITION ACCOUNT



This is typically used for college tuition but check with the finance department at your local private school to see if they are able to accept payments from an educational account known as a 529 plan which allows for savings up to \$10,000.

PAY IN A LUMP SUM



Schools often offer a discount if you pay in advance for the year. Over the course of 12 years this can add up to be a sizable sum that is saved. Put your tuition into a savings account each month and when reenrollment comes around you will be able to pay for the next year in cash.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you are still not able to meet the tuition requirements, most schools offer financial aid to help families meet the gap between their income and the cost of tuition. Be sure to include as many details about your circumstances including any regular medical costs, a recent loss of a job, or expenses due to care of an elderly parent.



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