



Monday March 06, 2025

Dear Financial Hardship Applicant,

The Financial Hardship Committee would like to provide you with important information regarding the collection and distribution of Zakat funds. The Holy Quran outlines the categories of individuals eligible to receive Zakat in **Surah Al-Tawbah (9:60)**:

إِنَّمَا الصَّدَقَاتُ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْعَامِلِينَ عَلَيْهَا وَالْمُؤَلَّفَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَالْغَارِمِينَ وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَأَبْنِ السَّبِيلِ
التوبة/60

“Zakat expenditures are only for the poor, for the needy, for those employed to administer (the funds), for those whose hearts are to be reconciled (toward Islam), for freeing captives, for those in debt, for the cause of Allah, and for the wayfarer (a stranded traveler).” [Surah Al-Tawbah 9:60]

Zakat is intended for the following categories:

- **The Poor (الفقراء – Faqeer)**: A person with no wealth or means to earn a living. [Al-Minhaaj ma’a Mughni al-Muhtaj 4/173]
- **The Needy (المساكين – Miskeen)**: Someone who earns an income but it is insufficient to meet their basic needs. [Al-Minhaaj ma’a Sharhihi Mughni al-Muhtaj 4/176]
- **Those in Debt (الغارمين – Al-Gharimeen)**: Individuals who are unable to repay their debts. [Al-Minhaaj ma’a Sharhihi Mughni al-Muhtaj]

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) emphasized the rightful recipients of charity:

- It was narrated that two men came to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) asking for charity. Upon seeing that they were strong and capable of earning a living, he said: “If you wish, I will give to you, but there is no share in it for one who is independent of means or able to work.” (Narrated by Abu Dawood 1633)
- **Independence of Means**: A person is considered independent if they have enough to sustain themselves for a year, earn a sufficient living, or receive a salary that covers their needs. [Fiqh al-‘Ibadaat 1/295]
- The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) further stated: “One who is independent of means or who is strong and able to work has no share in it (Zakat).” (Narrated by Abu Dawood 1633)

We encourage you to reflect on these guidelines to ensure a proper understanding of your Islamic rights and the wisdom behind Zakat distribution according to Islamic jurisprudence.

Jazakum Allah Khairan,

Financial Hardship Committee

- Mr. Iyad A. Wazwaz, Principal
- Mr. Anwar Zuraigat, Director of School Business and Development
- Dr. Nazha Bourquia, Assistant Director of School Business
- Mr. Ramey Youssef, Board Member



This application only applies to students in grades KG-12th Grades

2025-2026 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP APPLICATION

Please read the entire application carefully, and provide all required documentation, attach it to the application and return to the business office.

Rules for Financial Aid from Zakat and Sadaqa Funds:

- Application Deadline:** The deadline for financial aid applications is **April 30, 2025**, as decisions are finalized before the start of the academic year.
- Official Approval:** Only written approval from the CVA Financial Hardship Committee constitutes a formal commitment from the school regarding financial aid.
- Annual Evaluation:** Financial aid is granted for one academic year only and must be reapplied for each year.
- Interview Requirement:** Parent(s) may be required to attend an in-person interview with the Finance Team as part of the evaluation process.
- Academic & Conduct Review:** Applicants must submit their child's academic and discipline records for review. A student receiving financial aid must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 and remain in good behavioral standing.
- Complete Applications Only:** Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Adherence to Conditions:** Failure of the student and/or family to comply with these conditions may result in termination of financial aid.
- Zakat-Based Tuition Assistance:** A tuition discount from Zakat funds is provided to families eligible to receive Zakat and whose income falls below the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) set by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Personal Information:

Name of Father: _____ Occupation: _____

Name of Mother: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home () _____ Work: () _____ Cell: () _____

Student(s) Information:

Names of students (applying for financial aid):

1. _____	2. _____
Name Grade # of years at CVA	Name Grade # of years at CVA
3. _____	4. _____
Name Grade # of years at CVA	Name Grade # of years at CVA
5. _____	6. _____
Name Grade # of years at CVA	Name Grade # of years at CVA

Please provide all the information requested below:

Required Documents: 2024 Federal Tax Return, 2 months of Pay Stubs, 2024 W-2, Rental Agreement or Mortgage Statement & Copy of Vehicle Registration for Mother and Father.

- Total family income for the last year? _____ (2024)
(Please attach last year’s W-2 and filed tax returns, and 2 recent paystubs or two months business income)
- Cash Income last year: \$ _____ Source of Income: _____
- Number of dependents (from the filed tax forms) _____ (2024)
- Amount of Monthly (Please check one of the following:
 Rent \$ _____ (Rental Agreement Required)
 Mortgage \$ _____ (Statement Required)
- Do you receive any kind of public aid? Food stamps Medicaid Welfare

6. Are you eligible to receive Zakat? (Please see the eligible categories on page 2) Yes No

Giving Something Back:

All families receiving financial aid are required **to volunteer an extra 10 hours per academic school year.** This is in addition to the regular volunteer program established by CVA in the School for work assigned by the principal. What volunteer work can you do for the school (check all appropriate boxes)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch/ Salat Monitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher support | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot lunch helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning & general help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Typing (office help) | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic monitoring |

Volunteer Activities Performed: (For Office Use Only)

Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May

Parents' Agreement and Signatures:

I solemnly swear by Allah that all the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant my consent and authorize Crescent View Academy (CVA) or its designated representative to verify and assess all details included in this application, including any sources of income. I acknowledge that, if necessary, I may be required to participate in a personal interview as part of the evaluation process. This verification will be conducted solely for the purpose of assessing my eligibility for financial assistance. Furthermore, I understand that any financial aid awarded will be designated as either Zakat or Sadaqah, as determined by the CVA Financial Hardship Committee.

Date: _____ Parent(s) Name (s): _____ Signature(s): _____

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CVA Financial Hardship Committee's Decision:

Rejected Approved : 5% 10% 15 % 20 % 25% 30% 35 % 40 % 45% 50%

Financial Hardship Committee Signatures: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Date: _____ Comments: _____

Net Tuition Calculation(s) for the Applicant Students: (For Office Use Only)

Applicant Children's Grades: KG 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Gross Tuition Amounts: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Total Fees (Registration): \$ _____

Total Tuition for the family (before Financial Aid): \$ _____