



2026-2027 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Mount Ellis Academy desires to provide a high quality, Christ-centered education to all young people. We believe a Christian education is one of the greatest financial investments that parents/guardians can make in their child's life. Recognizing that the cost of a Christian education may seem overwhelming and unobtainable at first, we provide a number of different scholarships, discounts, student work opportunities, and other financial aid programs that may dramatically decrease the overall out-of-pocket cost to the parent/guardian and student. Our goal is to work through any financial situation for all students wanting to attend Mount Ellis Academy.

Below is a summary of costs for the 2026-2027 school year and some of the financial aid programs currently available. If you have any questions that pertain to student finances or if you would like an individualized financial plan, feel free to contact the MEA Business Office by phone at (406) 587-5178 ext. 102 or email at meafinance@mtellis.org

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES	7 Day Dorm	5 Day Dorm	Village	Online⁴
Tuition ¹ , Room and Board ²	\$ 20,030	\$ 17,695	\$ 12,455	\$11,490
Registration Fees ³	1,100	1,100	1,025	1,025
Total Per Year (no discounts)	\$ 21,130	\$ 18,795	\$ 13,480	\$ 12,515
Amount Due at Registration ⁵	3,103	2,869.50	2,270.50	2,174
9 Monthly Payments ⁶	2,003	1,769.50	1,245.50	1,149

International Students pay an additional fee of \$1,600 per year.

The student work program can reduce a student's yearly tuition by an average of \$1,800 - \$2,400.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES NOT INCLUDED IN TUITION

Volleyball (Girls)	Soccer (Co-ed)	Basketball (Girls/Boys)
Volleyball Dues \$265	Soccer Dues \$210	Basketball Dues \$190
Volleyball Apparel \$80	Soccer Apparel \$95	Basketball Apparel \$100
Volleyball Tournament \$190	Soccer Tournament \$165	Basketball Tournament \$200
Volleyball Total \$535	Soccer Total \$470	Basketball Total \$490

Life Time Activities (LTAs), Electives and Music

Rock Climbing \$160	Art Class \$50 per sem.	Music Class \$50 per sem.
Skiing/Snowboarding \$70-560	Woodworking \$50 per sem.	Music Apparel (Girls) \$95
Fly Fishing \$50 MT, \$135 Non-Res	HVAC \$200 per sem.	Music Apparel (Boys) \$150
Other LTAs \$15-100	Auto Shop \$50 per sem.	Private Music Lessons \$30/half hour

¹ Tuition includes lunch in the MEA cafeteria for village and dorm students during school days.

² Fees are for double occupancy; requested single occupant rooms (when available) cost an additional \$300/month.

³ Registration fee includes student accident insurance, club and class dues, library fees, campus ministries, yearbook, student activities fees, technology, laundry (for dorm students), Chromebook rental, classroom supplies, and other miscellaneous fees. International Students may have other applicable fees.

The full Registration fee is required of all students, regardless of enrollment date, and is non-refundable.

⁴ The Online Student option is reserved for 9th and 10th graders who are Montana residents and meet specific requirements.

⁵ Amount Due at Registration includes the remaining registration fee and first month's charges for tuition + room and board.

⁶ These are the standard monthly payments, which do not include student labor, scholarships, or discounts of any kind.

PAYMENT METHODS AND FINANCIAL POLICIES

FACTS – Mount Ellis Academy uses the FACTS online tuition payment system for collecting all tuition payments. Parents/Guardians will have several options within FACTS for the specifics of making payments throughout the year, these options include:

- Payment due dates as the 1st or the 20th of each month.
- Use of checking account, savings account, or credit card to make payments through FACTS.
 - FACTS charges a transaction fee when a credit card or debit card is used.

A financial agreement outlining the payment schedule for the full year will be completed for each student before registration and will be sent out to the parent/guardian for review. No tuition payments will be due until this financial agreement between MEA and the parent/guardian is finalized.

Delinquent Accounts – Missed payments not received or an acceptable arrangement not made by the 10th of the following month will be referred to the Finance Committee for further action.

Account balances must be paid in full before diplomas and/or transcripts are released.

Early Withdrawal – If students withdraw part-way through the school year, tuition will be prorated through the final week that they are enrolled.

Annual Payments – Paying the whole year up front can be paid via cash, check or e-check at the institution if desired. If you wish to use a credit or debit card MEA will charge a 3% transaction fee. Families that choose to pay annually will still need to sign up for payments through FACTS for incidental billing throughout the year. (See Page 3)

Accounting for Student Labor – When a financial plan is finalized within FACTS, the last payment for the year will include the budgeted amount that the student is supposed to contribute to their bill from the work program, making the final payment amount appear larger than the earlier payments. As the student works on campus throughout the school year, their earnings will be applied to this final payment and bring it down as time goes on. If the student does not work enough hours to meet the agreed-upon amount by the end of the school year, the remaining budgeted amount will be part of the final payment.

STUDENT LABOR

Work assignments are based on availability, class schedules, student interest, work ethic, and previous work performance/experience. While we work hard to provide job opportunities, MEA can make no promises or guarantees regarding the number of hours worked or wages earned, as these factors depend upon the individual student and are subject to federal and state child labor laws and regulations. Student activities, sports, class schedules, and/or sickness can interrupt work schedules and therefore affect payroll estimates. Students will have the opportunity to make up any missed work hours.

Students are paid the Montana state minimum wage or more on a monthly pay period cycle. Families can choose to assign the student's earnings (net taxes) directly to tuition. **For students to qualify for Financial Aid, 100% of their earnings (outside of tithe) must be applied to their tuition.** Students can choose to have tithe deducted from their paycheck and remitted to the Montana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

On AVERAGE, students can earn \$1,800 (under 16 years of age) to \$2,400 (over 16 years of age) during the school year.

Summer Labor – MEA offers limited campus jobs for village students during the summer. A student working over the summer can generally earn enough funds to pay for the first month of tuition for the upcoming school year.

DISCOUNTS

Early Registration Payment Discount – New and returning families need to pay a portion of the registration fee (\$500) when submitting each student's enrollment packet; the remaining portion will be due at Registration (see registration fee breakdown in "Summary of Expenses" table on page 1). **Families who submit enrollment packets before June 1st will qualify for a \$150 discount off the remaining portion of the registration fee;** enrollment packets submitted on or after June 1st will not be eligible for this discount. Please note: the registration fee is non-refundable.

Pre-Payment Discounts – Those who pay annually or by semester will receive the following discounts.

- Annual Payment Discount (5%) Due by Registration
 - 7-Day Dorm discount for the year: **\$1,056**
 - 5-Day Dorm: **\$939.75**
 - Village: **\$674**
 - Online: **\$625.75**
- Semester Discount (4%) Due at start of semesters
 - 7-Day Dorm discount per semester: **\$422.60**
 - 5-Day Dorm: **\$375.90**
 - Village: **\$269.60**
 - Online: **\$250.30**

Family Discount – For two or more students from the same immediate family.

- \$300 each annually or \$30 monthly.

Distance Discount – For qualifying students that live more than 500 miles from campus.

- \$400-\$700 annually or \$40-\$70 monthly.

New Student Referrals – Current MEA families can receive a discount for referring **up to five new families per year**.

- The discount will be applied to the referring family's second semester if the new/referred family stays with MEA for at least one semester.
- The discount is \$1,123, which is equivalent to one month's tuition payment (not including boarding fees).
- The family referred to MEA must be new to the Mount Ellis School system, which means they haven't had a student enrolled in Mount Ellis Elementary or Mount Ellis Academy before.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Continuing Education Grant for New Students

- \$25 awarded for each year the student attended a Seventh-day Adventists school from 1st - 8th grade.
- Only applies to the student's first year at MEA.

GPA Scholarship

- For new students based on their 8th grade/previous high school cumulative GPA:
 - GPA of 3.5-3.74 - **\$300**
 - GPA of 3.75-3.99 - **\$400**
 - GPA of 4.00 - **\$500**

Literature Evangelism/Summer Camp Scholarship – MEA will match 25% of up to \$2,000 of student earnings from Literature Evangelism or a summer camp job (max award \$500).

ACE Scholarships – ACE Scholarships is an organization that partners with MEA to award partial tuition scholarships to low-income families. **Families must be a Montana State resident to be eligible.** Because ACE Scholarships believes that every child deserves a quality education, they award annual scholarships that average around \$4,000 to qualifying students. Families can reapply with ACE Scholarships annually. MEA has limited ACE Scholarships opportunities available; the application forms are available online at www.mtellis.org/scholarships-tuition.

Other Scholarships – These scholarships are based on donated funds and specific criteria.

- Farnsworth Memorial Scholarship
 - This is a merit-based scholarship for Montana residents with a submission deadline of Aug 1st
- NPUC Hispanic Scholarship
 - This scholarship is open to students of Hispanic descent and has a submission deadline of Aug 1st

Other Scholarships Continued –

- NPUC Hope Scholarship
 - This scholarship is open to students that belong to a minority group and has a submission deadline of Aug 1st
- Bardell Scholarship
 - This is awarded to students who are residents of Kalispell Montana with a max award of \$1,000
- Dixon Music Scholarship
 - This scholarship is designated for music-related classes and is awarded to students that show a passion for music and need financial assistance
- Della Blakely Park Scholarship
 - This is a merit-based scholarship for students with a submission deadline of Aug 1st
- Mountain Mover Athletic Scholarship
 - This scholarship is designated for student athletes that are both enrolled at MEA and that are participating in one of the sports programs offered. There are five \$200 awards available per year to help offset athletic fees for students who participate in Varsity/JV Volleyball, Varsity Soccer, Varsity/JV Men's Basketball, and Women's Varsity Basketball.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SPONSORSHIPS

All forms listed below can be obtained online at www.mtellis.org/scholarships-tuition.

Student Sponsorships – Individuals can sponsor students by either increasing the student's hourly campus labor earnings (by "matching" the earnings or by pledging a specific dollar amount per hour that the student works) or by donating a flat dollar amount per month or per year. Sponsorship dollars are applied directly to the student's account. (IRS regulations do not permit tax deductions for tuition payments made for specific students.)

Church Sponsorships – When a church sponsors a particular MEA student, MEA will match the donation dollar for dollar up to \$1,000 for a 7-day or 5-day dorm student and \$500 for a village or online student. Application forms must be signed by your local pastor or church board and returned to MEA before the match can be applied.

MEA Scholarship - With the help of generous donors, Mount Ellis Academy is able to offer student aid scholarships to assist with tuition and boarding costs. This financial aid is based on eligibility, needs, and availability of funds. Average rewards are \$3,500 for 7-day or 5-day dorm students and \$1,500 for village or online students annually. MEA Scholarships are distributed monthly. Scholarships are awarded by the Financial Aid Committee based on the MEA Scholarship and Financial Aid Application. **Those that fill out the ACE scholarship, Church Sponsorship, and any other applicable scholarships will be given first priority for the MEA Scholarship. Even if the student is not awarded money for the scholarships listed above, proof of submission will place the student on the first priority list.**

To qualify for the MEA Scholarship, dorm and village students must be employed in the student work program and contribute 100% of their earnings (outside of tithe) to their school bill. *Please note: online students are exempt from participating in MEA's student work program.*

Sponsored Donations - Based on extreme financial need and the family's unique situation, Mount Ellis Academy works with church members and donors to fundraise additional financial aid dollars above the maximum amount awarded by the MEA Scholarship. This aid is entirely based on fundraising efforts made on behalf of individual students and/or funds given to the MEA Student Sponsorships Fund. As such, aid is not guaranteed and depends on continual giving. Sponsored donations are distributed based on the family's monthly financial plans and/or donations as they are received. Aid is awarded based on the MEA Scholarship and Financial Aid Application.



2026-2027 Incidental Fee Schedule

Below you will find MEA's Incidental Fee Schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. Please note that once billed for incidental expenses it will be due 15 days after. All Incidental expenses will be billed through Facts.

Sports

Volleyball:	Billed Sep 14th	Soccer:	Billed Sep 14th	Basketball:	Billed Nov 30th
Volleyball Dues	\$265	Soccer Dues	\$210	Basketball Dues	\$190
Volleyball Apparel	\$80	Soccer Apparel	\$95	Basketball Apparel	\$100
Volleyball Tournament	\$190	Soccer Tournament	\$165	Basketball Tournament	\$200
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*Lifetime Activities (LTAs)

Bowling	Billed Sep 14th	Rock Climbing:	Billed Nov 2nd	Hiking	Billed Apr 12th
Bowling:	\$50	Rock Climbing:	\$160	Hiking:	\$50
Fly Fishing	Billed Sep 14th	Ski/Snowboard	Billed Jan 11th	Personal Fitness	Billed Apr 12th
Fly Fishing: \$50 MT, \$135 Non-Res		Skiing/Snowboarding:	\$70-560	Personal Fitness:	\$25
Frisbee Golf	Billed Sep 14th				
Frisbee Golf:	\$50				

Electives and Music

Woodworking	Aug 31st, Jan 11th	HVAC	Aug 31st, Jan 11th	*Music Apparel	When Incurred
Woodworking	\$50 per sem.	HVAC	\$200 per sem.	Music Apparel (Girls)	\$95
Auto Shop	Aug 31st, Jan 11th	Music Class	Aug 31st, Jan 11th	Music Apparel (Boys)	\$150
Auto Shop	\$50 per sem.	Music Class	\$50 per sem.	*Private Lessons	When Incurred
Family Consumer Sci	Aug 31st	Art Class	Jan 11th	Private Lessons	\$30/half hour
Art Class	\$50 per sem.	Art Class	\$50 per sem.		

Other

Outdoor Science	Oct 5th, Mar 8th	Ski The Summit	Feb 22nd	WWU Music Fest	Feb 22nd
Outdoor Science	\$200 per sem.	Ski The Summit	\$165-264	WWU Music Fest	\$160
Village Meals Non-Lunch		Senior Dedication Page	Apr 12th		
When Incurred	\$7.50 Per Meal	Senior Dedication Page	\$120-200		

***Lifetime Activities** – Not all LTAs are offered every year. Please reach out to MEA's Athletic Director for current year's course offerings.

***Music Apparel** – The choir suit or dress that is purchased one year can be re-used from year to year. There are some accessories that are bought each year that will be charged to your students' account along with any music hoodies or T-shirts.

***Private Music Lessons** – Billed Monthly.

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