



Berean Baptist Academy
Fayetteville, NC 28314



Berean Baptist Academy is a ministry of the Berean Baptist Church. As such, Berean Baptist Academy adheres to all of the doctrines, beliefs, Constitution, and Covenant of Berean Baptist Church. A special tuition rate is available to members of BBC who have their children enrolled in BBA and who demonstrate a faithful written record of a tithe of their gross household income. According to the BBC Constitution, Article III 8.f. ***“Giving: We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God’s wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving (Gen. 14:20; Prov. 3:9-10) but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the Church (Acts 4:34-37; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7; Gal. 6:6; Eph. 4:28; 1Tim. 5:17-18), the relief of those in need (1 John 3:17), and the spread of the Gospel.”*** Article IV which states the church Covenant includes the *“promise to actively pursue personal holiness; to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church’s spiritual growth and unity; to faithfully abide by the doctrines and behaviors outlined in this church’s Articles of Faith; and to give cheerfully of our time, talents, and finances for the support of this ministry and its missionaries.”* Article V 2 states that the duty of every member includes the responsibility *“to support the Church in prayer, tithes, offerings, and with other financial support as the Lord enables.”* The word “tithe” is defined as a tenth, thus we believe that every Christian should be giving to the local church a minimum of 10% of their gross household income.

Inasmuch as it is our desire to provide a tuition discount to those members who are giving a tithe, our intent is not to delve into each member’s personal finances to prove that they are or are not giving as we believe Scripture teaches. However, we can base our decision on some general principles of household income as follows:

Example 1: A soldier with the rank of E5 who has 6 years of service receives a base pay of \$2583.90/mnth, BAH pay of \$1125.00/mnth, and BAS pay of \$323.87 for an annual income of \$48,393.24. This does not include any specialty or deployment increases. Based on this annual income, their tithe should be \$4840/year.

Example 2: An officer with the rank of O3 who has 4 years of service receives a base pay of \$4883.40/mnth, BAH pay of \$1527.00/mnth, and BAS pay of \$223.04 for an annual income of \$79,601.28. This does not include any specialty or deployment increases. Based on this annual income, their tithe should be \$7960/year.

Example 3: A husband and wife both work hourly jobs at a combined rate of \$22/hour, 40 hours/week. Their gross weekly income would be \$880 for an annual income of \$45,760.00. Based on this annual income, their tithe should be \$4576/year.

Example 4: Based on information from city-data.com the estimated median household income for Fayetteville in 2008 was \$44,086. Based on this estimate, an average individual’s tithe should be \$4408/year.

If you feel that you are giving a minimum of 10% of your gross household income to BBC and that you have not received the discounted tuition rate, please see the financial secretary and explain your situation.