

Financial Information

Room, board and tuition: Please see our current catalog for cost information.

Payments may be made in full at the beginning of each year or periodically - preferably on a monthly basis.

There are currently two methods of payment for our foreign students - cash or international bank transfer to our account in Hungary. (For various technical reasons we are unable to accept personal checks or credit card payments).

The most convenient way to bring cash into the country is to use a Visa or MasterCard-backed debit card to withdraw cash from ATM banking machines. We do not recommend that students bring traveler's checks, as it is very difficult to cash these in Hungary.

Details of how to pay by means of an international bank transfer are available upon request.

Books and class notebooks: The book purchase requirements are minimal compared to most schools. Required books are listed on the "Reading Requirements" information sheet. We ask that students from English speaking countries purchase these books before their arrival in Hungary (they are available at Christian bookstores and on-line distributors). For students from other countries we have a minimal number of these books available for purchase.

There is a fee of 4,000 forints (approximately \$20) per quarter for class notebooks. This fee covers the extensive costs associated with printing and binding the many notebooks that are used for note-taking in class. The notebook fee for the fall quarter is due at registration.

Laptop Computers and Network Usage Fee: The classrooms, most of the dorms, the castle and some outside areas are covered by a wireless network that is available to students for accessing the internet. In order to help offset our costs for maintaining the network and broadband internet connection there is a 2000 HUF (about 11 USD) per month usage fee for students with laptop computers with wireless network cards (internal or external). Students who pay this fee may use our internet connection for email and general internet usage. However, we do prevent access to peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing networks on the internet that are generally used to download illegal copies of software, music and movies.

Laundry Costs: Each student is responsible to pay for their own laundry costs. This includes laundry detergent. There are on-campus facilities for this.

Personal Transportation Costs: Students who require transportation using Word of Life ministry vehicles will be charged 50 HUF (approximately 0.20 USD) per kilometer. This cost may be shared by the total number of students traveling together. A trip to Budapest airport, for example, is 80 km round trip.

Residence Permits: The total cost involved in this differs for each student (depending on nationality). More information is given on the Visa / Residence Permit Information Sheet.

Personal Spending Money: Personal needs for spending money are difficult to generalize because of the diverse backgrounds of our students. Some students probably get by on as little as \$5-10 per week. Some may spend twice that amount. ATM machines are relatively easy to find around the country, so we recommend that you use a debit card that draws on a personal checking account in the U.S. However, make sure that it is based on a major credit card (either Visa or MasterCard) and not limited to a local bank or even a national debit system. If you don't bring a debit card, you will need to bring spending money with you in cash. (There is no checking system in Hungary).

Graduation: Students must have their school bills paid-in-full to receive their diploma or to have transcripts sent to other educational institutions. If they still owe money, they may participate in graduation, but will only receive an empty diploma cover. As soon as the outstanding debts are paid, we will mail the student's diploma.

Outstanding school bills: Students who still owe money to the school for whatever reason by the end of their studies will be required to discuss this with the Director of Admissions and a repayment plan will be agreed upon and signed by the student.

Transcripts: We will send one set of transcripts free of charge to any educational institution of your choice. Additional transcripts will be sent for a fee of 10 USD.