Financial Assistance Application Process FAQs

Where do I apply?

https://sssandtadsfa.my.site.com/familyportal

When do I apply?

An email will be sent to families currently receiving assistance in early October announcing the opening of the season. The deadline for returning family applications is November 1. The FA application deadline for new families applying for admission to SSSAS is February 1. Financial assistance is not available for Early Saints or Junior Kindergarten.

What if I have **multiple children** applying for assistance?

If you are applying for FA for more than one child, you need to fill out only one application per family.

Which **documents** am I required to upload?

Documents can be uploaded as soon as the PFS is completed and payment is submitted. Once payment is completed, click on the My Documents tab to begin the document upload process. All families are required to upload a copy of the most recent IRS Tax Form 1040 and copies of the most recent pay stubs for all parents listed on the application. Additional supporting materials may be requested after application is submitted.

Where do we describe **special circumstances** not itemized in the application questions? Details can be added to the comments section, uploaded to your application as a miscellaneous document or submitted in a letter to the Financial Assistance Committee at <u>fa@sssas.org</u>.

How does the process work if I am divorced or separated?

Any family whose parents are divorced or separated are required to complete two separate applications, one for each parent. Each application is separate from the other, and each parent will never have access to the other's information. This requirement is for any parents who are in any way part of the child's life, regardless of their desire for the child to attend our school, and regardless of any financial arrangements made between the parents. If a parent refuses to comply or is not involved in the child's life, an exception may be made by the Financial Assistance Committee.

When is the financial assistance **decision notification**?

Returning families will receive re-enrollment contracts at the end of January. If applicable, the financial assistance grant will be within the contract. Admission offers for new families will be sent the last Friday in March, which will reflect the financial assistance grant.

May I appeal the Financial Assistance Committee's decision?

Appeals are considered if there is new information or an error was made on the initial application.

What can I expect in **the future**?

Families can expect a similar level of assistance from year to year, assuming no significant change in their financial profile. This includes families who enrolled with no assistance. If a current family receiving no assistance wishes to apply, they must first complete two years of enrollment.

What **other expenses** should we plan for beyond tuition?

You can find details about programs such as after care and transportation within our <u>Tuition</u>, <u>Fees and Payment Plans</u> handbook. For families receiving financial assistance, resources are available to assist with some of these expenses by <u>applying for additional funding</u> through the Diane Dunning Fund.

Where can I find more information?

Our <u>website</u> has more information about the process and our policy. We also host webinars each season, which are recorded and can be found on our <u>YouTube channel</u>.

Who can I contact with questions?

Financial assistance, contact: <u>Jill Iverson</u>, Director of Financial Assistance and Statistical Reporting

Student bill, contact: <u>Susan Hamon</u>, Student Accounts, Business Office

Payment plans, insurance, and deposits, contact: <u>Donna O'Connell</u> '84, Controller