Tuition Assistance Application for the 2020-21 School Year
Frequently Asked Questions

Tuition Assistance at Mayfield Junior School

To assist those in need, the Board of Trustees sets aside funds each year for tuition assistance. These need-based funds are offered to admitted applicants or returning students.

THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS

How do I apply for tuition assistance?

The FAST application link can be found on the Mayfield Junior School website under the tab labeled “Apply.” This link will take you directly to the online tuition assistance application.

Will I qualify for assistance?

Every family’s situation is unique, and an individual decision is made based on the analysis of the information received.

What factors are considered?

Mayfield Junior School ascribes to the best practices of the National Association of Independent Schools for Financial Aid. Mayfield’s tuition assistance awards are strictly need-based. No awards are given for academic merit or special talents. Although family income is an important consideration, many factors enter into the decision-making process, such as the number of children in the family, number of children attending schools for which tuition is paid, other family dependents, assets (including housing) liabilities and unusual expenses. The School will gain an understanding of these special considerations from the information you provide.

What is the size of a typical award? Is there a dollar limit?

There is no “typical” award; awards range from a few hundred dollars to an amount close to covering a full tuition. For an individual student, there is no specific dollar limit. We expect all families to contribute toward their child/ren’s education.
To what extent will I be expected to use my own resources?

We begin the review of each family’s financial circumstances with the assumption that family resources will be used to the maximum extent possible. We anticipate that this will involve some degree of sacrifice. We ask that you give careful thought to the maximum amount of tuition that you can reasonably pay, and ask only for that which cannot realistically be paid from your own resources or those of your extended family.

What if I am separated or divorced?

If you are divorced or separated, each parent needs to file a separate but linked application. All information provided will remain private and will not be seen by the other parent. While recognizing that divorce can create challenging situations, it is expected that the resources of both parents will be committed to the Mayfield education. Unique or unusual circumstances may be considered.

What if I have remarried?

It is the School’s policy to consider the resources of a stepparent in making an award determination.

What if I do not have my taxes by the deadline?

An important part of the review process requires that FAST receives the most current tax documents for verification. We recommend that you schedule your tax appointment as early as possible. Your application will be incomplete until all required documents are received. Awards will not be made for incomplete applications. Assistance at Mayfield is based on the information you provide in your annual application.

If I receive tuition assistance this year, how much will I pay in future years?

When your family is initially enrolled at Mayfield and the Tuition Assistance Committee has approved the award for your family, we anticipate that you will likely need the same level of assistance for each year thereafter. However, we are unable to make any guarantees. If your financial circumstances change, you may receive more or less assistance.

Will my application for tuition assistance affect my child’s chances for admission?

No. Mayfield maintains a need-blind admissions policy; that is, students are admitted on the basis of individual merit, not on the basis of ability to pay. Tuition assistance applications are handled by the Business Office and are separate from the admissions process.
Will my records be confidential?

Yes. The Business Office maintains strict confidentiality over tuition assistance files. The board, teachers, and students are not informed of tuition assistance recipients and/or decisions.

Important Facts

- The request for tuition assistance for new students is a separate process from the admissions process and does not affect one’s application for admission to the School.

- Tuition assistance awards are need based and made for one year only. Parents are required to complete a tuition assistance application each year.

- In the case of divorced or separated parents, the School considers the assets of both parents when analyzing financial need. Both parents are expected to submit all tuition assistance forms. The School cannot be bound by the assertion that one parent has disclaimed responsibility for educational expenses. If either the custodial or non-custodial parent has remarried, the School also considers the assets of the step parent, bearing in mind the obligation of that step parent to his or her own natural children.

OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS

What if I do not qualify for sufficient tuition assistance?

While tuition assistance awards are based on the School's assessment of family need, you may still feel the need to seek additional assistance. You may wish to explore the option of a scheduled payment plan.

We offer a web-based tuition payment system. You have the option of a 7-month or 10-month plan. Your payment will automatically withdraw from your checking or savings account on the same day of every month.

If you have any other questions regarding tuition assistance or tuition payment options, please contact Tiffany Failing 626-229-2120 in the Business Office.