



Tuition Assistance

FAQs

Who can apply for tuition assistance?

Anyone can apply for tuition assistance.

Does applying for tuition assistance influence the admission decision?

No. Tuition assistance decisions are made after a student has been accepted.

How do I apply for tuition assistance?

The Haverford School requires that the family file a Parents' Financial Statement (PFS), which is the official application provided by School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS). In addition, The Haverford School requires that a copy of the prior two years' 1040 and W2 tax forms and supporting tax schedules be sent to SSS. For details, please refer to our Tuition Assistance Checklist & Timeline.

How is financial need determined?

Financial need is defined as the difference between the cost to attend The Haverford School and a family's ability to pay. The Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) is sent by SSS to The Haverford School and to the family. It provides the School with a general recommendation regarding a family's ability to pay for education. Major factors in determining financial need include, but are not limited to home equity, supplemental income, payments to pension and retirement plans, discretionary spending, and lifestyle choices.

Is tuition assistance automatically renewed each year?

No. Families receiving tuition assistance should re-apply each year.

Should I apply for tuition assistance?

If you believe that your financial resources are not sufficient to meet the cost of a Haverford education, you are strongly encouraged to apply for tuition assistance. The School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) provides a common base by which each family's needs can be measured fairly and equitably.

How soon should I apply for tuition assistance?

Because requests for tuition assistance often exceed the funds available, it is important to apply as early as possible. Funds are allocated first to current families

who meet the deadlines. Funds are awarded to new students on a first-come, first-served basis.

Is there a repayment obligation when a family receives tuition assistance from The Haverford School?

No. There is no obligation to repay a tuition assistance grant.

Will a change in family financial circumstances result in a change in the tuition assistance decision?

If there is a significant change during the school year, The Haverford School may adjust aid for the following school year. If your circumstances change shortly after you submit the PFS to SSS, you should contact SSS describing the change and providing new dollar amounts for each change. (Do not submit a new PFS.) The new information will be forwarded to The Haverford School by SSS.

What happens if the parents are separated or divorced?

The School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) policy for determining the financial need of students is based on the principle that both parents are responsible for the support and educational expenses of their children to the extent that they are financially able to assume responsibility. The Haverford School supports this policy and requires that both the non-custodial and custodial parents provide financial information. Each parent's financial information will be kept confidential. In certain situations, financial contributions may be expected from both parents. Failing to make sure that your son's tuition assistance file is complete in this respect can affect the amount of the grant. Please contact the Tuition Assistance Office at 484-417-2706 or tuitionassistance@haverford.org for guidance in handling unusual circumstances.

What is the deadline for applying for tuition assistance?

Parents should submit their PFS to SSS by Jan. 1. The copies of the tax returns (and all schedules) also should be sent directly to SSS by March 15. The Tuition Assistance Committee will notify families of grants in early spring. A tuition assistance grant will not be made until a student has been accepted into the School and the enrollment contract and deposit have been returned. It is important to meet these deadlines to be considered for aid.

Who provides the funds for tuition assistance?

The Haverford School funds tuition assistance grants through its endowment, tuition, and gifts to the School. SSS does not make tuition assistance grants, nor does it provide the money for tuition assistance grants.