

Applying for Financial Aid at Our School for the 2026–2027 Academic Year

We partner with School and Student Services (SSS) in our financial aid process. You will complete the SSS financial aid application (also referred to as the Parents' Financial Statement or PFS) within the SSS platform to apply for financial aid at our school.

By submitting an SSS application, you're granting SSS permission to analyze your financial information. Using their unique methodology, they estimate the amount you can contribute to school expenses and forward that estimate to the appropriate schools. It's one form, for one fee, for any number of applicant children, for any number of schools.

Find the SSS application online via the SSS Family Portal:
<https://sssandtadsfa.my.site.com/familyportal>

How to Complete the SSS Financial Aid Application

Beginning **September 2, 2025**, visit the SSS Family Portal at <https://sssandtadsfa.my.site.com/familyportal>

Create your Family Portal account with your email address and a password. If you applied for financial aid last year, log into the Family Portal as a Returning Family using the same email address and password.

Complete an application for the 2026–2027 Academic Year. You can log out of the portal at any time and return later to finish it.

After you have updated your household and selected your school you will move to the tax portion of the application. At this point it is recommended to the "Easy Apply". This will pull your taxes directly from IRS. Once all sections of your application are completed and you have clicked the "Submit Application" button, your application cannot be withdrawn from the SSS system. The \$60 fee is nonrefundable. Once your application is submitted, it cannot be withdrawn from the SSS system.

Family IRS Consent Guide

Next Steps

After you pay for and submit your application, you will need to verify if we require additional documentation you will need to upload these required documents by their deadlines as part of your application process.

We will communicate our financial aid decision to you directly. To make our decision, we use the information from the SSS application as a starting point, and we also consider our school policies, practices, and available budget.

Plan Ahead and Know Your Deadlines

The SSS application is a comprehensive application that will take some time to complete. Give yourself the time you need by not waiting until the deadline approaches. It's important to note the difference between the deadlines for admission and financial aid applications.

If you do not have your 2025 tax return, complete the application using your most recent tax return. When the requested tax forms arrive, such as W2s or 1040s, log back in and upload them (if required) by the deadline. We also recommend that you review the wide range of materials that SSS has put together to help families with their financial aid process. They are found at <http://www.solutionsbyss.com/>.

Top 10 Tips for Completing Your Financial Aid Application

COMPLETE ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD

You can apply for aid to any number of schools for any number of children using just one application for the same flat fee. Know your deadlines for submission.

USE YOUR LEGAL NAME

Make sure your name on your SSS application appears exactly the way your name appears on your tax documents.

ENTER WHOLE NUMBERS

When entering numbers, do not enter decimals or cents — simply round to the nearest whole number. All monetary values must be in US dollars.

DIFFERENTIATE APPLICANTS FROM DEPENDENTS

Questions about “student applicants” refer to your children who are applying for financial aid through SSS. Questions about “other dependents” refer to the children (or adults) for whom you provide support but ARE NOT applying for financial aid nor listed as Parent/Guardian A or Parent/Guardian B.

SEPARATE SALARY FROM PROFIT

If you are a business or farm owner, you will be asked about your salary in the Family Income section. Enter only the amount you draw as salary as reported on your W2. You will provide information about profit/loss elsewhere in the application.

ESTIMATE YOUR TAXES

We realize most tax forms are not available until late January. If you don't have your current year's taxes available, please estimate your answers based on your prior year's tax return.

CONSENT FOR TAX STATUS

Allow Tax Status to pull in your tax transcripts to eliminate time by uploading the documents and completing some sections of the application.

TELL YOUR STORY

Offer explanations when requested, so your story or situation is clear and understandable to those reviewing your application.

CALCULATE DEBT AND UNUSUAL EXPENSES

When asked to report your credit card debt, enter your total outstanding balances and use the Notes section to specify the types of purchases you used these cards for. When asked to total your “unusual expenses,” you'll find a list of the types of expenses you should and should not include.

BE HONEST

Take time to carefully consider how much you think you can pay towards tuition on your own. Make a budget of income and expenses to see how much you can include for school costs.

Need help with your application or required documents?

Contact Family Support at (800) 344-8328 or sssandtadsfa@venturedsolutions.com

Fee Waivers FAQ for Families

Most of the financial assistance given by schools comes in the form of need-based grants. Schools typically require families to complete an application to determine the family's ability to contribute to educational expenses. We partner with School & Student Services® (SSS) by VenturEd Solutions in our financial aid process. To begin your financial aid application, you will complete the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). Using their unique methodology, they estimate the amount you can contribute to school expenses and forward that estimate to the appropriate schools. It's one form, for one fee, for any number of siblings, for any number of schools. In keeping with their mission, SSS has a program where they waive application fees for the families most in need of financial help.

Who is eligible?

SSS uses Federal poverty guidelines as a starting point, combined with a cutoff for families with substantial assets. Over time, the goal is to expand the program to reach all families supported by the National School Lunch Program, a federally assisted meal program operating in public schools that provides free lunches to children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the poverty level.

How does it work?

The software uses the income and asset information in the PFS itself to assess a family's situation and automatically applies a waiver if the family qualifies. Qualifying families simply bypass all payment screens when their PFS is complete.

Can families request fee waivers?

No, eligibility for a fee waiver is automatically determined by the software system. There are no applications to be filled out or requests to be made. If you're eligible, you simply won't have to pay to complete your application.

Will families who've received waivers in the past automatically receive them again?

Many families that received fee waivers in the previous years will automatically qualify for the new program, and the access organizations we work with will continue to receive waivers that they can distribute to families according to their own guidelines and policies. It's just as important to note, however, that some returning families who received fee waivers in the past will not receive an automatic waiver in the new system. The reason is very straightforward - their income and/or assets may simply be too high to qualify under the new guidelines.

How do you apply for financial aid through SSS? Go to <https://sssandtadsfa.my.site.com/familyportal> to begin your PFS online in the Family Portal. On the PFS, indicate which schools should receive your information. This way, you only must fill out one form to apply to any number of schools. Once you've completed the form, submit your payment. If you qualify for a fee waiver, the payment will not be required for you to finish. You'll then have access to a tab called "My Documents" to upload documents, like tax returns, required by your selected school(s).

