



TRINITY SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID



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Consonant with its origins as a charity school, aligned with its mission to educate talented, motivated students who embody our city's diversity, Trinity's financial aid program exists to make its educational program accessible to highly qualified students, regardless of family income. In service of this commitment, Trinity offers need-based financial aid to newly-admitted students who will enrich and be enriched by our educational community. For families receiving aid, the school is also committed to underwriting the costs of required or essential educational resources, services, and opportunities not covered by tuition and to providing funds and resources to support participation in school-sponsored enrichment opportunities.

In support of our commitment to students enrolled at Trinity, the school also encourages families whose financial circumstances change during their children's school careers to be in dialogue with us about the availability of aid.

In applying our financial aid policies and practices, we will seek to be transparent and will encourage open dialogue between the school and families. Aware that the process of financial aid application requires a family to provide the school with significant personal and financial information, we are committed to exercising the greatest possible degree of sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

Finally, knowing that a Trinity education requires a significant investment on the part of all families and is, for many families, their single greatest financial commitment, the school is committed to stewarding its resources well, to considering carefully the impact of its budgetary decisions on families of limited means, and to communicating those decisions clearly.

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We recognize the need to empower students with the means to reach their highest potential. This is why Trinity welcomes financial aid applications from all families for whom full tuition would prove difficult to provide. There is no ceiling on either family income or assets. All applications at any grade level, Kindergarten to Twelve, are examined sympathetically and thoroughly. Financial need is calculated by an analysis of a family's financial aid application made through the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS), together with the most recent tax return(s) and supporting documentation. A cost of living index is applied to the calculations in order to offset the financial exigencies of living in New York. Awards range from a few thousand dollars to almost total aid, though all families must pay some part of the cost of a Trinity education. Many factors are considered in the awarding of aid: the number and ages of children and adults in the family, the employment status of those adults, medical expenses, and the specific circumstances of each family. Trinity's financial aid officer works closely with each family to determine the best way to finance a Trinity education.

financial aid OVERVIEW

APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION WHO WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A FINANCIAL AID AWARD:

- Should submit a financial aid application, including the most recent 1040 and other supporting documents, to School and Student Services for Financial Aid (SSS) at <http://sssbynais.org> by 28 December.
- Before 1 February, they should upload the most recent W2 with School and Student Services for Financial Aid (SSS) at <http://sssbynais.org>.
- Late applications for aid are accepted but are subject to the availability of funds and are processed only after those families whose applications were received on time have been notified.
- Applicants to Trinity will be sent their financial aid decision along with their enrollment contract if they have submitted all required financial documents.
- If accepting the offer of enrollment and the financial aid award, they must submit a new 1040 by 15 April.
- Families of currently-enrolled students who would like to be considered for a financial aid award must apply annually. Families whose circumstances change while their children are enrolled at Trinity are encouraged to be in touch with the Office of Financial Aid.

SOME FACTORS CONSIDERED IN REVIEWING FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS:

- Childcare expenses
- Current job status of working age adults
- Extended family responsibilities
- Assets
- Medical expenses, including the cost of medical insurance
- Number of dependents
- Number of members of the household
- Contributions to employer provided pretax accounts. (Such as retirement accounts, FSAs, HSAs, dependent care, transportation, section 125 and cafeteria plans, etc.)

All financial aid awards are need-based and are calculated using a cost-of-living index appropriate to conditions in New York City.

All financial aid awards are grant-only...there are no loans.

At Trinity, tuition obligations may be met by either a biannual or a monthly payment plan.



beyondTUITION

THE COST OF A TRINITY SCHOOL EDUCATION

AS PART OF THE SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THAT A TRINITY EDUCATION REMAINS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL FAMILIES, THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES ARE COVERED ENTIRELY FOR ALL FAMILIES RECEIVING A FINANCIAL AID AWARD OF ANY AMOUNT:

- Parents' Association dues
- Lunch
- Fees for science laboratory courses
- Visual Arts class costs, including materials
- The cost of musical instrument rental for use in Performing Arts classes
- Fees associated with Upper School Arts Days
- Required calculators for mathematics classes
- One set of clothes required for Physical Education and Fitness classes each year
- Fees for standardized college tests
- Field trips taken by a grade or a class
- Theater tickets to productions outside Trinity that have required attendance by a class
- Fee for Trinity's yearbook
- Grade Nine Orientation
- Fees associated with being in Grade Twelve (*cap and gown, commencement, end of year field trip, and the school-sponsored senior prom*)
- Theater tickets to all productions at Trinity

FINANCIAL FACTS FOR 2015-2016

Tuition: **\$42,645**

Lunch fees: **\$1,850**

Parents' Association dues: **\$75**

Grade Twelve fees: **\$560**

In 2015-2016, financial aid awards range from **8%** to **99%** of tuition and fees based on family incomes of between **\$15,000** and **\$450,000**.

These figures are provided to give a general description of the School's financial aid environment and are not an indication of future costs, awards, and other financial criteria.

ADDITIONAL COSTS THAT ARE COVERED FOR ALL FAMILIES RECEIVING A FINANCIAL AID AWARD OF ANY AMOUNT:

- For Middle School students a \$600 allowance for books
- For Upper School students an \$800 allowance for books
- Partial coverage of fees associated with Model Congress (*a student club*)
- Partial coverage of fees associated with Model UN (*a student club*)
- Partial coverage of fees for the school-sponsored ACT preparation program
- Partial coverage of the cost of the annual spring athletics training trip
- Partial coverage of the cost of school-sponsored international travel opportunities
- Partial coverage of the costs associated with school team athletic equipment and class rings

Students and families with questions about these expenses should contact:

Director of Financial Aid
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