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Financial Assistance Overview 2018-2019

Mount Madonna School is committed to maintaining economic diversity within our community of families. We allocate financial grants from our Operating Budget, the Bernice Arnold Scholarship Endowment and special donations designated for Financial Assistance. Grants are based on each family's economic need, which is assessed independently through the School and Student Services (SSS) provided by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). This online service provides impartial evaluation and is the most widely used service throughout the country.

Our financial assistance committee is comprised of Mary Supriya McDonald, Head of School, Eric Forbes, Business Manager, and Beth England, Contracts Administrator. Financial Assistance applications should be filed at the same time that you apply for admission, although any approved grant will not be offered until the student has been admitted.

Process:

1. Apply by filling out the NAIS School and Student Services ([SSS](https://sssbynais.force.com/familyportal/familylogin)) form online (<https://sssbynais.force.com/familyportal/familylogin>).
2. Remember to save your pin and password to update your application online.
3. Our school code is #1867.
4. Pay the \$49 fee charged by SSS. This fee can be waived under specific circumstances. Please see their website for more information.
5. Upload tax return for calendar year **2016** and W-2 from **2017** at the time of submission. If you are unable to upload the documents, mail copies to NAIS School and Student Services by the Financial Assistance deadline of February 15.
6. When you complete your Mount Madonna School online registration please check the box indicating that you will be applying/have applied for Financial Aid.
7. Families have 10 business days to accept or reject the offer.

Guidelines:

- Financial grants are need based
- Allowances are made for families with more than one student in the school and who demonstrate need with the higher tuition burden.
- Families can appeal the financial assistance decision in writing by including additional information not seen on the SSS form.

Mount Madonna School's open admission and financial assistance policies do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, gender identity, sexual preference, ethnic origin, disability, marital status, religion, creed or similar factors. This policy applies to all areas of student concerns: admissions, athletics, educational policies, financial assistance, and other school administered programs.