



YORK COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Financial Aid Policy 2019-20

York Country Day School is committed to offering financial support to families who qualify for financial aid, including middle income families, in order to offer their children the benefits of an independent school education. Financial aid is based on each family's demonstrated ability to pay, not willingness to pay. This enables the greatest possible number of highly qualified students to attend Country Day.

At York Country Day School, financial aid is administered in accordance with the NAIS Principles of Good Practice and the following guidelines:

- Families must apply each year for financial aid.
- Parents must complete the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) online each calendar year. A limited amount of financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to families with demonstrated financial need. Priority is given to students in the upper grades, and to current York Country Day School families who meet the established deadlines.
- Copies of each parent's 2017 and 2018 (as soon as they are available) tax returns, including all schedules and documentation and copies of each parent's 2018 W-2 must be on file with SSS by NAIS before any financial aid award will be considered. Copies of completed 2018 tax returns must be filed by April 19th.
- Documents can be mailed to SSS by NAIS, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368 or uploaded to SSS following the instructions online.
- Regardless of current marital status, all parents – not just custodial parents – must complete the necessary paperwork for financial aid. This is standard practice for National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) member schools in order to ensure that limited funds are distributed on the basis of actual need.
- A financial aid decision will not be made until all of the required paperwork is on file with the Admission Office. In order to avoid disappointment, please submit all of the paperwork as early as possible.
- Once all children in the household are of school age, both parents are expected to help with the financial obligations of the family, including tuition payments. If a parent is unable to help with this financial responsibility, the school should be notified of the circumstances.
- Financial aid awards may not exceed the demonstrated need as shown on the completed PFS.
- A portion of the financial aid funds (not to exceed 25%) are reserved for merit scholarships to be used by the Head of School to support our commitment to excellence.

For your convenience, there is a Financial Aid Checklist enclosed in this mailing. Please contact Hannah Holliday at 717-815-6714 (hholliday@ycds.org), if you have any questions concerning the financial aid application process, or if you need assistance in completing any of the required paperwork.

Multiple Child Discount Policy

Families paying full tuition for two children are eligible for a 50% discount for each additional (3rd, 4th, 5th, etc.) child. The discount will apply to the youngest child(ren)'s tuition. This discount only applies to students within the same nuclear family.