



## How to Apply for Financial Aid at SEM

We partner with School and Student Services (SSS) in our financial aid process. To begin your financial aid application, you will complete SSS's Parents' Financial Statement (PFS).

The PFS is a comprehensive application that will take some time to complete. Give yourself the time you need by not waiting until the deadline to begin. You'll need your most recent tax return before beginning the PFS. We also recommend that you review the wide range of materials that SSS has put together to help families with the financial aid process. They can be found at [ssbynais.org/parents](https://ssbynais.org/parents).

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

|  HOW TO COMPLETE THE PARENTS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PFS) ONLINE   |  HOW TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ONLINE   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Beginning October 2, 2018, go to <a href="https://sss.secure.force.com/familyportal">https://sss.secure.force.com/familyportal</a>.</li><li>Create your PFS Online account with your email address and a password. If you applied for financial aid last year, simply login to the PFS Online as a Returning Family, using the email address and password you set up last year.</li><li>Begin a PFS for Academic Year 2019-20. You can log out of the PFS Online at any time, then return later to complete it.</li><li>After you have pressed submit, you'll be brought to a payment screen. The fee of \$51 is nonrefundable. Once your PFS is submitted, it cannot be withdrawn from the SSS system.</li><li>After you pay for and submit your PFS, you'll have access in the PFS Online to a section called "My Documents." You can upload the additional documents we require there.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prepare your documents to be uploaded. Make sure the documents are on your computer, each saved as a separate file. Remove any security or password protection from your document files.</li><li>Return to the Family Portal and log into your account.</li><li>Select the Academic Year 2019-20 button.</li><li>Open the "My Documents" tab on the dashboard.</li><li>On the "My Documents" page, you will see an upload button or a hyperlink next to a specific document name in the "Required Documents" section of the PFS. Clicking either the upload button or a hyperlink will lead you through a series of steps allowing you to name, locate and save the file.</li><li>Once you have uploaded a document, the date will appear in the "Date Uploaded" column within minutes of the upload. Some tax documents go through a verification process. It can take up to 48 hours for the verification process to complete.</li></ul> |

If you wish to submit required documents by mail, send to School and Student Services, PO Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449. For overnight service, use: SSS, Application Processing Center, 15 Dan Road, Suite 102, Canton, MA 02021. **If you need help completing the PFS, contact SSS customer service at (800) 344-8328.**

### HERE'S KEY INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR SCHOOL AS YOU COMPLETE THE PFS:

Our School's full name: Buffalo Seminary

Our school's SSS code: 207910

Contact information for our financial aid office: Kacie Mills @ [kmills@buffaloseminary.org](mailto:kmills@buffaloseminary.org)

Due date for completing the PFS: 12/21/2018

Due date for submitting additional documents (see below): 12/21/2018

Documents we require you to submit, in addition to the PFS:

- \_\_\_ 2017 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ
- \_\_\_ 2018 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ (when available)
- \_\_\_ 2017 W2 Form
- \_\_\_ 2018 W2 Form (when available)
- \_\_\_ Schedule C
- \_\_\_ 1099 Form