



Varied Tuition FAQ's

What is Varied Tuition?

Varied Tuition is a tuition program that allows families to pay what they can reasonably afford to attend Stratford Academy. With Varied Tuition, each family pays a rate of tuition that fits their unique financial situation.

How Does Varied Tuition Work?

Any family (current or new) of a Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade student may apply for Varied Tuition if they feel they may not be able to afford the full tuition rate at Stratford. The factors considered when determining the tuition amount a family is able to pay include income and the size of the family. The goal is that each family is asked to pay what they can reasonably afford.

Applications are submitted directly to School and Student Services (SSS), a third-party agency. SSS evaluates the application and makes a recommendation to the school's Varied Tuition Committee. Families are notified of the tuition level for which they qualify from the school's financial office.

What if I have a financial circumstance not reflected in my Varied Tuition application?

If you have a unique or special circumstance (medical bills, caring for an aging parent, etc.) that affects your ability to pay the Varied amount awarded, please email the Director of Admissions to setup a meeting.

What kind of economic situation is typical of a family who qualifies for Varied Tuition?

A wide range of families with a variety of circumstances qualify for the program, from those who are able to pay close to full tuition amount to those who are able to pay a smaller percentage of the full tuition amount. Many factors are evaluated, including income, assets, unusual expenses, and the size of the family.

When do I need to complete the Varied Tuition Application by?

To ensure enrollment, we highly encourage you to complete the process by May 31.

Should every new or returning Stratford family submit an application for Varied Tuition?

No. Only families who feel that they may not be able to pay the full tuition amount should submit an application.

Do I need to apply to Stratford to receive confirmation of my Varied Tuition?

Yes, families may apply for Variable Tuition only after they have applied for re-enrollment or admission to the school.



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Upon completion of my Varied Tuition application, when will I receive confirmation of my tuition?

Typically within 2 weeks of providing all the required information to our confidential third-party service.

What is the cost to apply for Varied Tuition?

Each family pays a \$51 application fee directly to SSS. This fee is per family and not per student. Families whose income level is under a certain amount will have the fee waived.

Do I need to apply for Varied Tuition every year?

Yes. A new application must be submitted every year.

If I do not qualify for the program this year, can I apply again next year?

Yes. A family that does not qualify is welcome to reapply the following year.

Are some families awarded full tuition?

No. Every family is required to make a financial investment in their child's education. Our commitment to providing Varied Tuition means that we are sharing in that investment with you.

Is there a minimum tuition amount required for each family?

Yes, each family will be asked to make a minimum contribution to share in the commitment to the high-quality, excellence-filled education that Stratford provides.

Does Varied Tuition factor in multiple students attending Stratford?

Multiple students are one of the key factors in determining Variable Tuition. One of the important questions asked on the confidential Varied Tuition application relates to family size and number of students enrolled at Stratford. The Variable Tuition amount is what the family as a whole will be asked to pay.