



## Tuition Assistance Guidelines

Tuition assistance is need-based only and must be applied for annually. In order to be considered for tuition assistance, all applicants must:

- Be in good standing with the Business Office (re-enrolling families).
- Have returned their Enrollment Contract and deposit by the deadline to the Business Office.
- Please adhere to all tuition assistance deadlines. You may call 484-417-2706 or email [tuitionassistance@haverford.org](mailto:tuitionassistance@haverford.org) to check on the status of your file.

### Important Guidelines

No academic, athletic, or artistic scholarships are awarded.

All of the requested information is required of both parents, regardless of divorce, separation, or estrangement. We will not issue a grant unless we have the required information from both parents. If either parent fails to complete the tuition assistance application, the student's eligibility for aid will be in jeopardy. Consideration of the non-custodial parent will be based upon the belief that a parent's contribution for education is a reflection of the ability to pay, not the willingness to pay. Haverford is not bound by any decrees, agreements, or legal documents excusing a parent from financial responsibility for his or her child's education.

We realize applicants would like to receive as much aid as possible. Please do not ask us for a specific amount. The Tuition Assistance Committee (which includes a forensic tax analyst) will determine what the School can offer.

The Tuition Assistance Committee does take into account certain lifestyle choices when determining aid (e.g., club memberships, luxury cars, vacations, all real estate properties owned in addition to primary residence, and the employment of both parents). Consider these choices prior to applying for aid. We believe that the student's family is primarily responsible for financing a private school education, and sacrifices need to be made.

The estimated family contribution (EFC) calculated by SSS serves only as an initial benchmark in determining aid. The figure is often adjusted once the official tax documents are received. If multiple children attend tuition-charging schools (or universities), it's expected that the family will be applying for aid at all schools. Haverford should not be expected to subsidize tuition at any other school.

If one parent is temporarily unemployed (and not disabled), we will review past years of employment history. If a grant is given, the unemployed parent must participate in quarterly tuition assistance reviews to report on and demonstrate a continual job search. Also, if a parent elects to return to school or change jobs, which results in a decrease in the family's financial resources, Haverford will not underwrite this choice with greater financial assistance. Also, if one parent does not work by choice, Haverford will impute an income to that parent if there are no young children at home.

Grants are annual. A family must reapply each year that they seek assistance. If the family suffers dramatic financial setbacks, Haverford will do everything it can to make it possible for the student to continue to attend. Alternately, if a family's financial situation improves greatly, the grant will be adjusted to reflect that gain.

One appeal is allowed for special financial circumstances. All appeals must be in writing (no in person or verbal appeals are allowed). The appeal must be specific concerning the special financial status and should consist of new information that has not yet been provided. The appeal decision of the Committee is final. We will not continue to re-evaluate awards that are considered, for all intents and purposes, as gifts.

Please communicate solely with the Tuition Assistance Office regarding tuition assistance. We cannot speak with attorneys, accountants, or other third parties, and ask that you do not discuss your grant with coaches, teachers, or others. We keep your information strictly confidential, and request that you do the same.

If a student who receives Tuition Assistance does not live up to the standards set forth in our Principles of Community (as all students are held), the grant will be forfeited.