



Financial Aid: Purpose Statement and Priorities

Second only to trusting that the School will take care of their children is the trust Cannon parents place in believing that the School will be responsible stewards of the allocation of tuition funds. The Board of Trustees and the School's Administration hold deeply this trust parents place in leadership.

Throughout the course of the School's history, school leadership at Cannon, guided by the School's mission, has sought with the spending of tuition dollars to maximize the ethical and intellectual growth of each student. To this end, Cannon hires and retains great teachers, takes care of the spaces where learning occurs, and does all it can each year to invest in those things that enhance learning for students.

It is this commitment to student life and learning that guides the spending of tuition dollars on need-based financial aid. Specifically, Cannon School hopes to accomplish the following with its financial aid program:

- To create classrooms where different ideas, perspectives, considerations, and thoughts are shared respectfully in an intellectual market place.
- To build communities in classrooms that seek to bridge the great divide in our country revolving around socio-economic differences and strata.
- To build a student body that reflects differences visible and invisible and address the stigma continuing to plague independent day schools that income is the primary admission qualification.
- To attract mission appropriate families who otherwise may never consider Cannon and who can contribute to community and a bottom line.
- To prepare students for colleges and a world that are becoming increasingly places where contributors and leaders are those who thrive working with people who are different than they are.