



Our Mission: St. Mary's Academy fosters excellence in each child through academic achievement, spiritual development, and service. The Loretto School Values of faith, community, justice and respect provide the foundation for students to be powerful agents of change.

## Lower School

### ① APPLY ONLINE

Deadline: January 31, 2021

- Student application
- Parent comment
- Student essay, grades 2-5
- Teacher recommendation(s), English and Math for grades 2-5
- Transcript from current school for grades 1-5

### ② PARENT INTERVIEW

Visit your admissions portal to schedule

### ③ STUDENT VISIT

- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten: Please visit your Admissions portal to schedule.
- Grades 1-5: Student Visits begin October 13, 2020

### ④ FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Deadline: February 1, 2021

### ⑤ LOWER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

Emailed March 2, 2021

### ⑥ LOWER SCHOOL CONTRACT

Deadline for Newly Accepted Students: March 11, 2021

*Students receive reading and math assessments on the day of visit. SMA does not require entrance exams or formal testing for grades PK-5.*

## Middle School

### ① APPLY ONLINE

Deadline: January 31, 2021

- Student application
- Parent comment
- Student essay
- Teacher recommendations for English and Math
- Transcript from current school

### ② PARENT INTERVIEW

Visit your admissions portal to schedule

### ③ STUDENT VISIT

Visit your admissions portal to schedule

### ④ ISEE TEST

November 7, 2020 and January 23, 2021

### ⑤ FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Deadline: February 1, 2021

### ⑥ MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

Emailed February 24, 2021

### ⑦ MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTRACT

Deadline for Newly Accepted Students: March 5, 2021

For questions, or to schedule a visit, please contact **Kristen Dieterich** [kdieterich@smnet.org](mailto:kdieterich@smnet.org) or **Lindsey Lopez** [llopez@smnet.org](mailto:llopez@smnet.org) or call **303.762.8300**.

St. Mary's Academy recognizes that enrollment requires a substantial financial commitment, and we offer tuition assistance for grades K-12 to make education affordable at St. Mary's Academy. St. Mary's Academy is proud of our long tradition of providing tuition assistance across our three divisions. St. Mary's Academy typically awards approximately \$1.9 million in need-based tuition assistance to 27 percent of the student body. Awards range from five percent of tuition to over 90 percent. These funds are made available from generous donors who value a St. Mary's Academy education.

We use School and Student Services (SSS) to process financial aid applications. SSS is a service of the National Association of Independent Schools. Based on the financial information you provide, SSS gives St. Mary's Academy an estimated amount your family can contribute to educational expenses. This helps the school make fair and objective financial aid decisions. To begin your financial aid application for the 2021-2022 school year, follow these steps below.

## Application Steps:

- ① Go to **SOLUTIONSBYSS.COM/PARENTS**: SSS portal opens October 1, 2020. An applicant's online application must be initiated by December 31, 2020, and completed by February 1, 2021.
- ② **CLICK** on the prompt to begin your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). Only complete one PFS even if you have several children applying to our school.
- ③ **CLICK** in the "Create an Account" box. You will be asked to enter your name and e-mail address and to select a password.
- ④ The St. Mary's Academy school code is **4901**.

Required documentation must be uploaded to the **solutionsbysss.com/parents** website or mailed to SSS directly. Applications for tuition assistance will be processed upon receipt of the following items:

- SSS application, PFS, and \$51 application fee
- Copy of 2019 income tax return and all schedules
- 2019 W2
- 2020 W2
- October 2020 bank statement
- 2019 business income tax return and all schedules if self-employed
- October 2020 business bank statement if self-employed

St. Mary's Academy encourages you to pay close attention to deadlines. If your financial aid application is complete by **February 1, 2021**, you will receive a financial aid notification with or soon after your student's acceptance. If you miss the February 1, 2021 deadline, your financial aid application will be considered on a wait-pool basis. Please do not delay in submitting your forms!

**NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:** St. Mary's Academy admits students of any race, creed, color, national and ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, disability, national and ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity in administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.