

# MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

## Noncustodial Parent Waiver Petition for Tuition Assistance

Minnehaha Academy believes that parents have an obligation to finance their children's education to the extent they are able. This assumption is aligned with the principles of the National Association of Independent Schools.

In the case of divorced or separated parents, or parents who have never been married, we will consider the financial resources of BOTH parents before making an award. Therefore, BOTH parents are required to submit a financial aid application and provide copies of their tax forms, schedules and W-2's for the year just ended to the school.

Because Minnehaha Academy believes that both parents have an obligation to support their child's education, the financial situations of both parents are taken into consideration. The school will not be bound by the assertion of one parent or a court ruling that he/she is not responsible for the student's educational expenses even in the case of divorce and remarriage. If either parent remarries, we shall bear in mind the obligations of that parent to his or her new family. If the parent with custody remarries, we shall consider the resources of the stepparent. However, we shall also bear in mind the obligations of the stepparent to his or her natural children.

It is possible for the Financial Aid Committee to waive the noncustodial requirement in certain situations. The conditions under which we may consider waiving the noncustodial parent requirement are usually 1) The noncustodial parent's whereabouts are unknown; 2) The noncustodial parent has no contact, and has not had any contact, with the applicant over a period of years; or 3) The noncustodial parent provides no financial support to the student.

This is a petition requesting that Minnehaha Academy waive the noncustodial parent requirement regarding the submission of financial aid application forms. Upon receipt of this petition, along with the requested documentation, Minnehaha's Financial Aid Committee will review and respond to the request. Please complete the entire form, answering all questions and submitting all requested documentation. Only completed petitions will be reviewed.

Please forward all information (completed copy of this form along with any accompanying documentation) to:

Brenda Robbins, Director of Financial Aid  
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### CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**THIRD PARTY DOCUMENTATION**

Please attach a letter from a legal, spiritual or psychological counselor (such as an attorney, pastor or social worker) with knowledge of the situation who can describe and verify the relationship of the student and the noncustodial parent. The person writing the statement must include his/her name, contact information (address, phone number and email), relationship to the student and the number of years he/she has known the student and in what capacity, and should not be a relative.

**CUSTODIAL PARENT PERSONAL ACCOUNT**

Please provide a statement below providing additional information that will help the Financial Aid Committee understand the circumstances that make it necessary to waive the noncustodial requirement. Please provide as much detail as possible and include any applicable documentation.

**NONCUSTODIAL PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION (IF KNOWN)**

Noncustodial Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status of applicant's natural/adoptive parents:  Divorced  Separated  Never Married

If divorced or separated, indicate year of divorce/separation \_\_\_\_\_

Has the noncustodial parent ever claimed the applicant on a federal income tax return? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes above, was this a condition of a divorce decree? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes above, please indicate the most recent tax year this occurred \_\_\_\_\_

Does the noncustodial parent have other children? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**FREQUENCY OF CONTACT**

What is the custody status? (i.e. joint custody, no contact, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant had contact with his/her noncustodial parent in the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered yes above, please describe the nature of the contact \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered no above, please indicate when the applicant last had contact with him/her \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD SUPPORT AND LEGAL ORDERS**

Did the noncustodial parent pay child support this year? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes above, please indicate the total amount paid by the noncustodial parent in 2020: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the type of child support paid:  Voluntary  Court-ordered  Garnished from wages

Are there any legal orders that limit the noncustodial parent's contact with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

If there are legal orders (divorce decree, restraining order, police report, etc.) please include this documentation.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Custodial Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_