

2021-2022 Financial Assistance Policies and Process at Meadowbrook School

We subscribe fully to the Principles of Good Practice for Financial Assistance Administration as determined by the National Association of Independent Schools. We do not discriminate on any basis, including but not limited to race, gender, religion, color, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin. The Meadowbrook School Financial Assistance Committee consisting of the Head of School, the Director of Finance and Operations, and the Director of Financial Assistance makes all decisions regarding financial assistance. A family's financial assistance is kept strictly confidential; it is assumed that families will keep financial assistance awards confidential as well, and that no discussions will occur among families.

Awards are made in the form of direct grants that are applied towards a student's tuition and do not require repayment. Awards are applied proportionately to the tuition statements. All families are expected to contribute financially to their child's education at Meadowbrook in the amount of at least \$600.00 regardless of circumstances.

If you do not apply for financial assistance at the time of application for admission to the School, we cannot guarantee that funds will be available in any year. Financial assistance qualification for any returning family, which did not receive an award in the previous year, depends upon a significant change in family circumstances.

Admission decisions are made separately from financial assistance considerations, and the Admission Committee is unaware of financial assistance applications. Only after students have been accepted by the Admission Committee does the Financial Assistance Committee then process awards.

While Meadowbrook strives to meet each family's demonstrated financial need, we may be unable to assist all students who have been accepted and qualify for assistance. Nor may we be able to fund all qualified students within one family.

Financial assistance is reviewed annually. Each January, families presently receiving assistance are required to submit documentation necessary for demonstrating need for the following year. Once a family has been awarded financial assistance, Meadowbrook has every expectation of continuing assistance as long as circumstances warrant.

We at Meadowbrook understand that applying for financial assistance can be a daunting task and strive to make the process as easy and transparent as possible. Please contact Laurie Geromini, Director of Financial Assistance with any questions or concerns, lgeromini@meadowbrook-ma.org, or 781-314-9228.