

Financial Aid Application Process for New Families



Important Financial Aid Dates

February 15, 2022
Financial Aid Deadline

April 1, 2022
Admission Decision
Notification

April 16, 2022
Enrollment Contract Due

At Breck, we believe children deserve small class sizes, state-of-the-art facilities, great teachers, and an expansive curriculum. While this type of program is not inexpensive, Breck's large financial aid budget and healthy endowment have enabled parents of all economic backgrounds to give their children the very best educational foundation. Below you will find important information and helpful hints on applying for financial aid.

Breck School will use your 2020 tax documents and 2021 estimated taxes to make preliminary financial aid decisions. Should your child be accepted and offered a financial aid grant, it is contingent upon reviewing your 2021 tax documents. After your 2021 taxes are uploaded, financial aid grants will be finalized. Breck reserves the right to alter the original grant if your submitted 2021 tax numbers differ significantly from the 2021 estimated numbers you provided in the SSS application.

Required Documentation for All Applicants

Breck's financial aid partner is School and Student Services (SSS). To apply for financial aid, parents should complete the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) online at sssandtadsfa.force.com/familyportal/ using Breck's code: 1804. The fee for submitting the application is \$55. Upon completion of the PFS, please upload the following documents:

- A copy of your 2020 Federal 1040 tax forms, along with any schedules.
- A copy of your 2020 W-2s and/or 1099s
- A copy of your child's 2020 Federal taxes, if applicable
- A copy of your 1098 tax form (college tuition statement), if applicable
- A copy of K-1 tax form (for business partnerships or S Corporations), if applicable

Note: You will not be able to upload tax forms until the PFS has been completed. Initially, please upload your 2020 tax forms.

Required Documentation for Accepted Applicants Extended a Financial Aid Grant

- Upload all 2021 tax documentation (1040, W2s, Schedules, K1s, etc.) no later than May 1, 2022.

After review of your 2021 tax documentation, your financial aid grant for the 2022-23 school year will be finalized.



Helpful Hints for Completing Financial Aid Application in SSS

- Prospective families must create a new account in SSS.
- Additional SSS parent resources, including a PFS workbook and help understanding your family report, can be found here: solutionsbysss.com/parents/resources/
- Be sure to list Breck School on the PFS application. Breck school's code is 1804.
- On the PFS form, fill in numerical figures only. In spaces where the response is a zero amount, insert a "0."
- Do not leave any portion of the application blank. Be sure to fill in names, occupation/employer, years with employer, address, etc.
- For application questions where exact amounts are unknown, use a good-faith estimate.
- Only after you have submitted your PFS will you be able to upload supporting documentation.

Financial Aid Policy

When administering financial aid awards, Breck School adheres to the following financial aid policies:

- A student must be currently enrolled or an applicant for admission to Breck in order to apply for financial aid.
- The primary financial responsibility for a Breck education rests with the family to the extent that they are able to contribute.
- In separated or divorced situations, the non-custodial parent must also complete a financial aid application. Breck's financial aid program and policies are exempt from divorce decree stipulations.
- In cases of remarriage, or where a biological parent and significant other might reside together outside of marriage, it is considered to be a "household," and the financial information of both the biological parent and stepparent or significant other is required.
- Breck is not in a position to assume the financial responsibility of a non-custodial parent unless there is a legal release (e.g., termination of parental rights order), in which case verification must be provided to the school.
- If a family awarded a grant determines that the amount is insufficient to enable enrollment, they are encouraged to contact the Director of Admissions & Financial Aid for a discussion pertaining to the award decision.

Award Renewal

Financial aid grants are awarded on a yearly basis. Parents of grant recipients must reapply each year; this ensures Breck is able to meet the current level of financial need.

Confidentiality

Breck's Financial Aid Office holds with integrity, and in strictest confidence, all financial aid information submitted by parents to the school.

It is the policy of Breck to administer its educational programs, including admission and financial aid, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national or ethnic origin, or disability.