

# Financial Aid Application Process for New Families



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.

## Important Financial Aid Dates

**February 1, 2024**  
Financial Aid Deadline

**March 29, 2024**  
Admission Decision Notification

**April 12, 2024**  
Enrollment Contract Due

## Required Documentation due February 1, 2024

Breck's financial aid partner is Clarity ([clarityapp.com](https://clarityapp.com)). Clarity offers a streamlined, mobile friendly application that can be completed in as short a time as 20 minutes. Additionally, Clarity removes the need to upload your 2022 W2 and 1040 by transferring them directly from the IRS. This reduces the amount of information that you will need to enter manually and makes it possible to complete the application quickly and efficiently.

In addition to your W2 and 1040 that the Clarity app enables you to import directly into your financial aid application, you should also have the following documents available:

- Recent 2023 Pay stub: You will manually upload this document.
- Depending on individual family circumstances, other documents may be required. This may include a copy of a child's 2022 federal taxes, a 1098 form, or a K-1 tax form if applicable to your family's situation.
- Import/upload all applicable 2023 tax forms by May 1, 2024, if your child was accepted and you have enrolled at Breck. Clarity will prompt you to complete this final step in the financial aid application process. Breck reserves the right to alter the original grant if your submitted 2023 tax numbers differ significantly from estimated numbers provided in your application.

## 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.

