

# Notre Dame High School

## Financial Aid FAQ



We are partners with you in educating your daughter, and that includes making a Notre Dame education affordable for you as a family.

### **Financial Aid Policies**

- The entire Financial Aid process is to be kept confidential amongst all parties, including the application, the supporting documents, and the financial aid award. Awards may be rescinded if a student or family breaches this confidentiality policy.
- Each tuition-funded school has a separate financial aid application process and policy. Financial Aid applications submitted to Notre Dame are only applicable to Notre Dame.
- Notre Dame reserves the right to adjust an award if a family's financial situation is materially different than that conveyed in the application.
- In the event that a family falls behind in its payments for two consecutive months and has not contacted the Business Office to establish a plan to bring the account current, the student will be placed on financial suspension.
- Financial Aid recipients must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, with no D's or F's as a semester grade, in all subjects, throughout the entire year, in order to qualify for financial aid. Students who do not comply will become ineligible to receive future financial aid.
- Financial Aid recipients may jeopardize their financial aid award if they disregard the rules and policies outlined in the parent/student handbook.

### **When is the deadline to apply?**

The deadline to apply for Financial Aid is January 12, 2024. Late applications will be considered after all timely applications have been reviewed and granted awards, given funds still remain.

### **Should I wait until my daughter is accepted before applying for Financial Aid?**

No. A common misconception among first-time applicant families is that they should wait to hear about their daughter's admission before applying for Financial Aid. Please know that financial aid awards are included in the enrollment contract at the time of admission. Financial Aid applications are due at the same time as the Application for Admission. Decisions for admission are "need blind."

### **I applied and was granted financial aid last year; do I need to reapply each year?**

Yes. You must apply for financial aid each year. Financial aid awards do not carry over year after year. Each year is unique and requires an application with current supporting documentation.

### **Does Notre Dame High School offer full tuition assistance?**

Our program is designed to help those families who, even with personal sacrifices, are unable to afford full tuition. All financial aid applicants should expect to pay something, as a Catholic school education is a partnership between Notre Dame and each family.

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### **Are all requests for financial aid met?**

Each year, Notre Dame receives more requests for assistance than the budget allows. While we strive to provide assistance to all qualified applicants as possible, we are unable to fully fund all students who have demonstrated need.

### **Will we qualify for financial aid?**

Notre Dame assesses each financial aid application independently. Every family is unique. Not all families have the same circumstances and family compositions so indicating an income range would be misleading. Only by applying will you find out if you qualify.

### **Do you give any academic or athletic scholarships?**

Incoming students who score in the highest range on the HSPT will qualify for Honors at Entrance Scholarships.

Athletic scholarships are not offered, as outlined in the CCS rules governing high school athletics.

Archdiocesan Catholic High School Scholarship Program is an additional program Notre Dame participates. The San Francisco Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools administers this program and awards assistance to qualified applicants. The Clergy Recommendation Form is located at the end of the TADS online application.

### **What are the expectations regarding divorced families requesting financial aid?**

Notre Dame's financial aid committee requests an accounting of the assets of both natural parents before determining Financial Aid. Notre Dame strives to work with both parents in all aspects of educating and supporting your daughter. Each natural parent is required to submit a financial aid application and supporting documentation. In addition, it is the responsibility of the primary custodial parent to ask the non-custodial parent to complete the additional application.

If only one parent submits an application, a partial award, based on half the tuition amount, will be considered. An exception to this policy will be made where the courts have deemed that the non-custodial parent does not have any financial obligation or custody of the child. Please provide a copy of the court agreement stating such an arrangement.

If either parent has remarried or is living with another adult who is contributing to the household income, Notre Dame will consider the assets of the stepparent, always bearing in mind that the primary responsibility for payment rests with the natural parent.

### **Do you allow parents to work off tuition?**

No. Due to employment and liability issues, we are unable to offer work/tuition arrangements.

What if I have more questions? Please direct questions to our Financial Aid Coordinator, Kari Allegri: [kallegri@ndhsb.org](mailto:kallegri@ndhsb.org) or (650) 595-1913 x230. If you have questions or concerns regarding the TADS online application, please call a TADS representative at 1-800-884-8237, Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 6:00PM Central Time or contact them via email at [support@tads.com](mailto:support@tads.com).