Clarity

The Wardlaw+Hartridge Financial Aid Program is designed to make a W+H education possible for all families based on demonstrated financial need and the availability of funds. We use the Clarity Application to determine a family's level of financial need based on the information that families share in the application which includes assets, income, expenses, and debts.



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To get started, visit auth.clarityapp.com/en/signup/

Prospective Families:

When submitting your application for admission and seeking FA please submit your Clarity application at the same time.

Returning Families:

Please submit your Clarity Application no later than January 31 annually.

FAQs

HOW DOES CLARITY MAKE IT EASIER FOR ME TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

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 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.

IS MY INFORMATION SECURE WITH CLARITY?

W+H takes the privacy and security of your personal information very seriously. Clarity is certified for both GDPR and SOC2 and uses enterprise-level security standards including end-to-end encryption of all personally identifiable information. For more information, please refer to Clarity's Privacy Policy.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT MY AWARD?

Just as in prior years, if your financial circumstances have not changed, you will not see significant changes to your award. If you have any questions about your individual circumstance, please reach out to us.

WILL I STILL NEED TO APPLY EVERY YEAR?

Yes, you will need to submit a Clarity application each year in order to qualify for financial aid; however, Clarity retains your information from previous applications, so it will be even easier to reapply.

CAN I COMPLETE MY CLARITY APPLICATION ON MY PHONE OR TABLET?

Yes! Clarity's application is fully mobile-friendly so you have access wherever you are.

A WORLD-CHANGING PREP SCHOOL

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How to Apply: Clarity A Quick Reference Guide

The Clarity Application for Financial Aid is a streamlined and user-friendly way for families to securely share key information. When analyzed by Clarity's software, schools are able to make financial aid determinations based on their budget, policies, and mission. Most families are able to complete the Clarity Application in less than 30 minutes. The Application is also mobile-friendly and does not need to be completed in a single sitting; you can always save your progress and return later.

- Make a list of the schools you're
 applying to. Be sure to note their deadlines (both admission and financial aid) and requirements.
- You only need to complete one Clarity application per household. Your application will cover any number of schools using Clarity and any number of children in your household.
- While the Clarity application is
 designed to be easy enough to fill out in
 one sitting, you can save your work at
 any time and come back to it later. Be
 sure to always click the "Save and
 continue" button at the bottom of the
 page to save your work.

- Gathering documents and
 information like your most recent tax documents can help you complete the application.
- Throughout the application you will see this symbol: (i). Hover your mouse or tap your finger on this symbol to see helpful tips and explanations.
- + Be sure to monitor your Clarity portal throughout the application process. Schools may require additional documents—those requirements will be displayed in the "Document Requests" section of your portal.

To get started

- Go to <u>clarityschools.com</u> and click "Sign In" to create your account.
- Start with household & applicant information. Select the school(s) to which you are applying.



- Sign and submit a Form 4506c to give Clarity permission to pull your prior year tax returns. This means you won't need to upload any of them yourself!
- Complete your financial information, including income, expenses, assets, and debts.
- The app fee is \$55 per household and covers all the Clarity schools to which you are applying.
- Schools may require additional documents in addition to last year's taxes.
- Check the "Document Requests" panel on your portal to see what you need to upload.

Pro Tips



- To the best of your ability, enter accurate information on assets such as bank accounts, investment portfolios, home value, and balances on car loans, student loans, etc. You might need to grab some paperwork or log into some accounts to have that info handy.
- Be sure to consider all of your monthly and annual expenses, and include any additional expenses (not already reported) in the "out of pocket expenses" section.

Need more help?

We encourage you to use this Quick Reference Guide along with our complete Family Application Guide as you complete your Clarity Application, but if you do need more help, feel free to contact us via email at: support@claritytuition.com