



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, N.J., July 15, 2024—The Pennington School Awarded Prestigious Edward E. Ford Grant

The Pennington School was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation to support its Student Assistance Fund. The grant was awarded in June 2024 through a competitive application process and requires that the School raise an additional \$200,000 in support for the Student Assistance Fund over the coming year. The Pennington School was one of 12 independent schools and two associations worldwide to receive a grant from the Foundation in June.

The Edward E. Ford Foundation, established in 1957, seeks to improve secondary education by supporting U.S. independent schools and encouraging promising practices and has awarded over \$127 million since its inception. Pennington's Student Assistance Fund, which provides essential funding to cover the full cost of the Pennington experience for qualified students, was an excellent match for the foundation's mission.

The Pennington School first launched its Student Assistance Fund in 2016, recognizing that while traditional financial aid funding provides access, it does not cover the full cost of attendance. The fund covers expenses such as school supplies, athletic equipment, and activity fees, and provides access to the full range of experiences available to Pennington students. The fund has grown to support approximately fifty students each year.

Head of School William S. Hawkey, PhD, who spoke directly with Edward E. Ford Foundation Executive Director John Gulla, said, "The Student Assistance Fund is core to our mission. It ensures that financial barriers don't prohibit our students from developing individual excellence. It reinforces the strong web of support and care that allows all students to reach their full potential."

The \$100,000 grant, which will be received once The Pennington School has secured the matching funds, will provide annual support for the Student Assistance Fund over a three-year period.

The Pennington School is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.

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