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FLEXIBLE TUITION

CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



WHAT IS FLEXIBLE TUITION?

James Lick and Jellis Wilmerding founded a school accessible to students from all walks of life. Lick-Wilmerding was tuition-free for its first 77 years. While we now charge tuition, the LWHS mission of serving a highly qualified and diverse student body remains unchanged.

This commitment to inclusion is an essential element of LWHS' distinctive educational program and atmosphere. A significant portion of the school's endowment earnings are dedicated to making the school more financially accessible.

LWHS is committed to remaining accessible to families from various economic backgrounds. We recognize that many families who might not expect to be eligible for "financial aid" may still qualify for the Flexible Tuition Program. Despite the ever rising cost of tuition, families enrolled at LWHS through the Flexible Tuition program have tuitions ranging from \$825 to \$53,000. Tuition includes books, course materials, daily lunch, yearbook, athletic uniforms, co-curricular activities and grade-level retreats.





HOW IS FLEXIBLE TUITION CALCULATED?

The complex formula used to calculate the exact Flexible Tuition amount considers many factors that affect a family's ability to pay. The entire Flexible Tuition Application must be completed in order for the school to determine the Flexible Tuition for which they qualify. The application can be found on the LWHS website.

The Flexible Tuition Committee calculates a family's ability to afford tuition and operates separately from the admissions process. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to offer Flexible Tuition to every student who qualifies for both admission and a reduced tuition.

Annual Income

Income means pre-tax earnings from wages, personal investments, and business investments. The

formula that determines a family's ability to pay considers different expenses than the IRS uses to calculate taxable income. Therefore, all tax schedules must be submitted. If parents/guardians reside in separate households, the income and expenses of both households are considered in the calculation.

Assets

If a family has major assets, savings, or investments, the formula computes an income supplement that is added to the gross income. This income supplement varies, but usually net assets of \$50,000 or less will have little impact on the computation. Home equity is based not on market value but on the price paid for the home and the years it has been owned. Generally this will undervalue the equity. The income assumed to be generated by assets also takes into account

parent/guardian age. For most, but not all applicants, the additional income inferred from assets is a small factor. However, if the student has assets (savings, trust accounts, etc.), the formula includes them in calculating the amount the parents can pay.

Family Size

Living allowance estimates are based on the number of people in a student's household(s). Income is adjusted by expenditures for housing, food, or medical needs to obtain the available discretionary income.

Number of Private School or College Tuitions Currently Being Supported

A student's Flexible Tuition takes into account the number of family members attending any tuition-charging elementary school, middle school, high school, or college.

Unusual Expenses

The formula for determining the parent/guardian contribution for educational expenses takes into account certain "unusual expenses" such as care of an aging grandparent, parent/guardian educational loan payments, legal fees, and other expenses listed in the Flexible Tuition application.

Other Discretionary Costs

The formula expects a family to allocate only a portion of discretionary income to tuition payments.

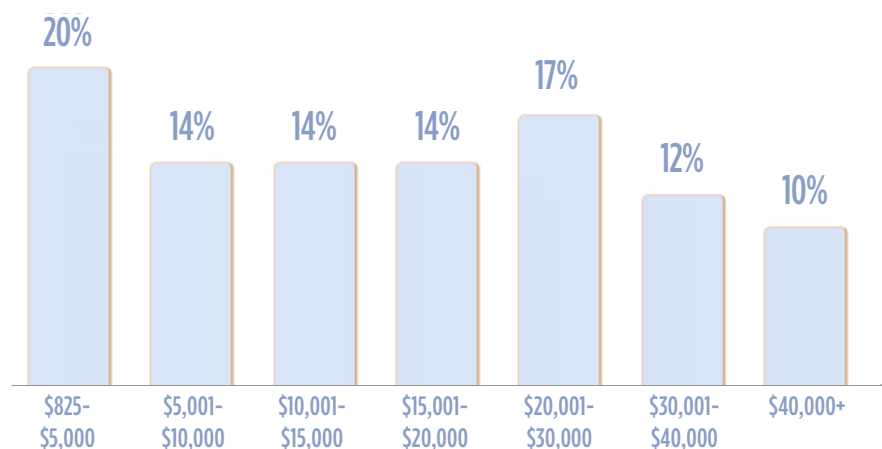
Divorced, Separated, or Never Married Parents/Guardians

Flexible Tuition is based on the family's ability to pay as demonstrated by the information submitted in the Flexible Tuition application. Both custodial and non-custodial parents/guardians (regardless of legal settlements) who are divorced, separated, or never married are required to submit an application. In exceptional cases where one parent cannot comply,

the custodial parent should submit a written explanation in the application. Lack of information from either parent may significantly affect the Flexible Tuition amount.

For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, visit www.lwhs.org/affording

PERCENTAGE OF FLEXIBLE TUITION STUDENTS BY TUITION RANGE



*Figure only includes families enrolled through the Flexible Tuition Program.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A LICK-WILMERDING EDUCATION?

Being part of a community that represents and celebrates the incredible diversity of the greater Bay Area.

Preparing you to make a positive difference in the world with confidence and compassion.

Being in classrooms surrounded by students and teachers who are just as passionate about learning as you are.

Having access to resources and opportunities such as the technical arts shops, local and global service trips, national conferences, student-led clubs, and The Center for Civic Engagement.



TOTAL FLEXIBLE TUITION BUDGET
\$7.6 MILLION

\$18,844
— average tuition —
FOR FLEXIBLE TUITION FAMILIES

26%
OF LWHS' OPERATING BUDGET goes towards FLEXIBLE TUITION



33%
— of our students —
ARE ENROLLED THROUGH FLEXIBLE TUITION



\$239,237
MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME OF FLEXIBLE TUITION FAMILIES

FLEXIBLE TUITION SUMMARY BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Income is only one of the factors that goes into determining Flexible Tuition. Each student's Flexible Tuition is determined on a case-by-case basis because every family is unique.

INCOME RANGE	% OF STUDENTS	AVERAGE TUITION PAID
0-\$125,000	19%	\$5,100
\$126,000-\$200,000	20%	\$12,650
\$201,000-\$300,000	25%	\$17,500
\$301,000+	36%	\$31,000

HOW TO APPLY FOR FLEXIBLE TUITION

- 1 Start preparing your tax returns.** We will need two years of tax returns, this year and last year. We encourage you to ask your employer if early W-2 and K-1 forms are available.
- 2 Complete the Flexible Tuition Application.** Complete and submit your Flexible Tuition application by going to www.lwhs.org/affording. While there is a fee to complete the application, fee waivers are automatically granted to qualifying families. If you are in need of a fee waiver but did not receive one, please reach out to us at admission@lwhs.org.
- 3 Submit tax information on Clarity.** An electronic copy of your IRS Tax Form 1040, W-2, and all schedules must be uploaded.
- 4 Flexible Tuition awards will be mailed with the admissions decision letters.** Students who are offered enrollment along with Flexible Tuition must return their enrollment agreement within the specified timeframe on the enrollment agreement.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT US AT ADMISSIONS@LWHS.ORG.

The Lick-Wilmerding students pictured in this brochure do not necessarily represent students receiving Flexible Tuition.

Lick-Wilmerding High School is committed to fostering and sustaining a vibrant learning community and does not discriminate based on race, color, ancestry, national/ethnic origin, citizenship status, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. LWHS applies all legal non-discrimination standards in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial aid, and in all school programs and activities.

