

Financial Aid Application – Parent FAQs

1. How do I apply for Financial Aid?
 - a. Saint Mary's uses **Clarity** as our financial aid application provider. Please [click here](#) for the application. Be sure the "current enrollment year" selected is the upcoming school year for which you are requesting financial aid.
2. How is Clarity different from other financial aid providers?
 - a. 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.
3. Is my information secure with Clarity?
 - a. Saint Mary's 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](#).
4. Will I need to apply for Financial Aid every year?
 - a. 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. If your financial circumstances have not changed from one year to the next, you will not see a significant change to your award. If you have any questions about your individual circumstance, please reach out to us.
5. May I complete my Clarity application on my phone or tablet?
 - a. Yes! Clarity's application is fully mobile-friendly so you have access wherever you are.
6. When do I need to apply?
 - a. **New Families:** The Clarity application is due by the admission application deadline on the first Friday in December. **ALL** components of **BOTH** the financial aid and admission application **MUST** be received by the deadline.
 - b. **Returning Families:** The Clarity application must be submitted in **FULL** by the first Friday in December to qualify for an award at the time of re-enrollment.
7. I live outside the United States, can I still apply for financial aid through Clarity?
 - a. Yes, along with the student's application, all families must fill out the Clarity application to the best of their ability including the Non-US Tax Filer Verification upload.
 - b. If you live in Canada, you will be prompted to upload your T1, T4 and Notice of Assessment.

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