



## **Nido Financial Aid Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How do I apply for financial assistance?**

In order to apply for assistance families need to complete an application form and send the requested documents (which include but are not limited to job contract, payslips, bank statements, investment and debt certificates). Current Nido families apply annually; new families complete the process in parallel with their admissions application to the School. The process also includes a personal interview and home visit. To begin the application process, please contact [financialaid@nido.cl](mailto:financialaid@nido.cl).

### **When is the application deadline?**

To apply for financial aid for the 2025-2026 school year (starting in August 2025), current Nido families must complete the application form and send all requested documents by January 15, 2025. New families will complete the process in parallel with their application to the School and must complete the financial assistance part of their application by March 15, 2025.

### **How much financial aid will I be granted?**

The decision about how much aid is awarded to each student will depend on the parents' income, living expenses, assets and savings, as demonstrated in their application form and supporting documents. Financial aid can cover a maximum of 50% of a student's tuition fees and is assessed each year based on the family's financial situation and funds available.

### **How is it decided who to grant assistance to and how much?**

The financial aid committee thoroughly assesses each family individually and uses best practice models from educational institutions around the world in order to decide whether to grant aid to a family. The decision as to whether to grant aid takes into account various factors: financial need, academic achievements, special talents, academic and behavioral records, and funds available. The School also gives preference to students entering grades 6-12, with a special preference for grades 9-12, as well as to applications for grades that are not at full enrollment.

### **How many students currently have financial assistance?**

On average, 50-60 students receive financial aid each year.





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### **Where do the funds for the program come from?**

The financial assistance program is supported by generous donations to the Nido Fund, interest from the School's endowment and by special programs with local businesses including the Nido Partners and Guaranteed Placement programs.

### **How much does Nido spend on financial aid?**

The average financial aid award is 25% of the tuition.

### **When will I find out if my child has been granted assistance?**

Decisions are announced in April at the time of re-enrollment.

### **Will other families know that my family has financial aid?**

The financial aid process is strictly confidential. Nido does not publicly release information regarding who is on aid and only the members of the financial aid committee involved in the process of awarding the aid know which families receive aid. Your children's teachers, other parents and students will not be aware your child is on aid unless you inform them yourself.

### **What happens if I miss the deadline? Can I apply for financial assistance during the school year?**

The available funds are fully allocated to applications received before the deadline. As a result, there are no funds available after the deadline and we do not accept late applications. Regular financial aid is an annual process and applications open once a year. If your family's financial situation changes suddenly during the year, you can apply for emergency financial aid. For more information, email [financialaid@nido.cl](mailto:financialaid@nido.cl).

### **What happens if my family has a sudden drastic change in our financial situation (such as job loss or illness) during the school year?**

The emergency financial aid program is designed to support families whose financial situation suddenly changes during the school year. The program supports the family, based on their financial need, until their situation improves or until the new school year when they can apply for the regular financial aid program. This program is designed to support families in emergency situations such as sudden loss of employment or illness. For more information, email [financialaid@nido.cl](mailto:financialaid@nido.cl).





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## **I already submitted an application form and documents last year, do I need to send them in again?**

Families need to reapply for financial assistance every year and send updated documents. This is in order to assess that the situation has not changed. The process is reviewed annually completely anew, and past applications are not taken into account. If a family on financial aid does not complete this process for the new school year, they will not be offered financial aid for the new year.

## **Does the application process include a home visit?**

Part of the financial assistance review process will include a personal interview and home visit by our own Financial Aid Analyst.

## **I prefer not to share my financial and employment information with the School, can I apply without them?**

We understand that the documents we ask for contain sensitive personal information and assure you that this information is reviewed in strict confidence. Nido follows best practices in financial aid programs from educational institutions around the world, which also require this documentation from applicants. Reviewing these documents enables the committee to thoroughly review each case, to make an informed and transparent decision. Without supplying the supporting documentation, an application is not complete and will not be reviewed.

## **What is the Nido Scholars program?**

The Nido Scholars program supports exceptional high school students that attend a public school in Chile with 100% scholarships. Since the program started in 2020, the school has enrolled 7 students. If you have questions about applying for this program email [nidoscholars@nido.cl](mailto:nidoscholars@nido.cl).

## **Is there a discount for having more than one child at Nido? Am I more likely to be granted assistance if I have more than one child at Nido?**

Financial assistance at Nido is granted based on a family's financial need. The School does not offer sibling discounts. A family with more children at Nido is spending a higher amount on education than a family with one child, so, depending on their income and resources, may in turn have a higher need for financial assistance. Each family is different and that's why the School's financial aid process reviews each family individually and thoroughly.





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**I am a Nido alumnus/alumna and would like to send my children to Nido. Is the fact I am an alumnus/alumna taken into account and am I given any preference?**

Nido is proud to have a strong alumni community and many former students among its parent body. The Alumni Scholarship Fund is a financial aid fund specifically for the children of Nido alumni in financial need. It is funded exclusively by generous donations from Nido alumni. Please bear in mind that for all applications, financial need and availability of funds are the primary considerations when granting aid.

