



Pine Lake Preparatory Financial Assistance for Families 2025 - 2026

At Pine Lake Preparatory, we recognize that families may experience financial hardships. Our goal is to support students by helping to offset some educational expenses when possible. The information and form below outline the details of PLP's Financial Assistance Program and how families can request support.

Q: Who can get Financial assistance?

- Children may receive PLP financial aid if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Eligibility Guidelines.
- Children may qualify for PLP financial aid if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless and/or runaway are eligible for financial aid.

2025- 2026 Income Eligibility Requirements for the PLP Financial Assistance Program

Household	Annual Salary	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557
2	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
3	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
4	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
5	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
6	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
7	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
8	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927

Financial Assistance Program FAQs



Q: How do I apply for the Financial Assistance Program?

To apply, submit your documentation to Lauri Schatz, Assistant Middle School Principal, at lauri.schatz@pinelakeprep.org, or drop off materials at the Middle School front office.

Q: My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to reapply?

Yes. Applications are only valid for the current school year and expire after the first few days of the 2025–2026 school year. A new application is required each year.

Q: If I don't qualify now, can I apply later?

Yes. Applications are accepted at any time during the school year.

Q: If I don't qualify, are there other options for support?

Yes. We offer payment plans. If approved, all outstanding balances must be paid in full by the end of the plan. Payment dates, terms, and duration are determined on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Who do I contact if I don't qualify but still need help?

Contact your child's school counselor to discuss payment plans or cost extensions. Counselors may also notify you if new assistance opportunities become available.

- Lower School – Laura Finney
- Middle School – Heather Craddock or Erin Buda
- Upper School
 - Amanda Dworsky (A–G)
 - Amanda Rhoda (H–N)
 - Dana Catchpole (O–Z)

Required Documents (submit at least one):

- Most recent Federal Tax Return (2024)
- Unemployment check stub with spouse's current check stub (if applicable)
- Net income documentation from a self-owned business
- Documentation of additional income (e.g., alimony, child support, veteran's benefits)



Q: Who has access to my financial documents?

Your information will be kept confidential and only shared with necessary staff, including:

- Lauri Schatz (to coordinate assistance)
- Your child's teacher (for programs like field trips, devices, testing)
- Your child's grade-level counselor
- The Finance Office (to adjust payments in MyPaymentsPlus). Suzy Sliney (to coordinate lunches)

If you prefer to limit this sharing, contact Lauri Schatz directly at 704-237-5417 or lauri.schatz@pinelakeprep.org.

Q: What does the PLP Financial Assistance Program cover?

The Financial Assistance Program may help cover the following items, depending on available funding and documentation. Important: All assistance must be requested by the parent or student well in advance of the posted fee deadlines. Requests submitted after fee deadlines will not be approved. **Questions? [Contact Lauri Schatz](#)**

Lower School

- Hot Lunch Delivery 4 times per week if offered by PLP (Does not include Friday Chick Fil A, Sumo or Monsoon). Please [email Suzy Sliney](#) to set up an account
- Fee to attend one day field trips (K-12)
- A reduction of 50% for associated with overnight domestic course or grade level field trips (K-12)
- Uniforms - families will be provided financial assistance to purchase uniforms, up to \$180 (\$150 Lands End gift card and a PLP sweatshirt).
- Robotics fee
- Free admission to PLP's regular season athletic home competitions
- Access to [Bags of Hope](#) program
- Computer and / or iPad fee
- 50% off School Supply Pack K-5
- Dress Down Passes (K-12)
- Any required novels for class (K-12)
- PLP Community Events
- After3@PLP - please contact [Rebecca Scallan](#) for rates.



Middle School

- Hot Lunch Delivery 4 times per week if offered by PLP (Does not include Friday Chick Fil A, Sumo or Monsoon). Please [email Suzy Sliney](#) to set up an account
- Fee to attend one day field trips (K-12)
- A reduction of 50% for associated with overnight domestic course or grade level field trips (K-12)
- Uniforms - families will be provided financial assistance to purchase uniforms, up to \$180 (\$150 Lands End gift card and a PLP sweatshirt). Athletic fees, musical fees, robotics fee, Middle School dance tickets
- Honor Society fees and club fees by request
- Free admission to PLP's regular season athletic home competitions
- Access to [Bags of Hope](#) program
- Computer and / or iPad fee
- Dress Down Passes (K-12)
- Any required novels for class (K-12)
- PLP Community Events
- After3@PLPa - please contact [Rebecca Scallan](#) for rates

Upper School

- Hot Lunch Delivery 4 times per week if offered by PLP (Does not include Friday Chick Fil A, Sumo or Monsoon). Please [email Suzy Sliney](#) to set up an account
- Fee to attend one day field trips (K-12)
- A reduction of 50% for associated with overnight domestic course or grade level field trips (K-12)
- Uniforms - families will be provided financial assistance to purchase uniforms, up to \$180 (\$150 Lands End gift card and a PLP sweatshirt).
- Athletic fees, musical fees, robotics fee, Upper School dance tickets
- Honor Society fees and club fees by request
- Free admission to PLP's regular season athletic home competitions
- Access to [Bags of Hope](#) program
- Parking permit for US students after drug testing complete (family pays for drug test)
- Computer and / or iPad fee
- Dress Down Passes (K-12)
- Any required novels for class (K-12)
- PLP Community Events
- Senior Fee Assistance and Senior Experience - contact [Meredith Miller](#)
- College application fee waivers for seniors (contact US Counselor - [Dworsky](#) (A-G), [Rhoda](#) (H-N), [Catchpole](#) (O-Z))



Q: How can my child request a testing waiver and / or a college application fee waiver in the Upper School? Assistance that MAY be available upon request, but is not guaranteed:

PLP will recommend your child for testing fee waivers for the exams listed below. Upper School Counselors will assist your student with the necessary paperwork. However, please note that the testing organizations make the final decision on eligibility.

Important: The income requirements for national test waivers (such as SAT and ACT) are generally less restrictive than PLP's internal financial assistance criteria. Therefore, even if your family does not qualify for PLP assistance, your student may still qualify for testing waivers. Please reach out to your Upper School Counselor for more information.

- (4) A total maximum of four separate ACT registration fee waivers, including up to 20 free score sends. Waiver must be obtained before registration.
- (2) SAT basic registration fees per student (lifetime) with unlimited score sends
- Fee for the SAT Question and Answer Service or the Student Answer Service
- Free CSS Profile applications for students using SAT fee waivers
- Unlimited college application fee waivers through the Common Application.
- Students may be eligible for college application fee waivers through the College Board at participating colleges and universities. To view the list of participating institutions, visit collegeboard.org/feewaiver.
 - **Note:** The income eligibility guidelines for college application fee waivers are less strict than those for PLP's Financial Assistance Program. As a result, families who do not qualify for PLP assistance may still be eligible for college application fee waivers. Please contact your Upper School Counselor for more information.

Q: What does the PLP Financial Assistance Program NOT cover?

- Yearbooks
- After School enrichment for Lower / Middle School
- Summer Camps



- International Trips / non course or grade level specific domestic trips

***Please submit the [Google Form](#) if you are applying for Financial Aid.
Thank you!****