Dear Parents, September, 2026

Baylor School will continue to use our partner, Clarity Financial Aid, as our financial aid application system. Our goal is to make the financial aid application process as easy as possible for your family.

You will find that Clarity offers a streamlined and user-friendly application process that can take as little as thirty minutes to complete. It is mobile-friendly, so you can complete your application on your phone or tablet! Furthermore, your 1040 and W2 documents from 2025 will be automatically transferred from the IRS when you complete the verification step, so you will no longer need to upload those documents manually. These are just a few ways in which Clarity enhances the financial aid application process.

Clarity has found that families who have IRS.gov accounts before starting the Clarity Application have a much easier time completing the Clarity Enhanced Tax Verification process. If you don't have an IRS.gov account, you will be prompted to create one before you submit your application this year. Please review the Clarity Tax Verification Guide for assistance. You can get started on this with a few basic steps, outlined below.

If you don't have an IRS account yet, we recommend you:

1. Go to IRS.gov. Click on "Sign in" in the top right corner.
2. Find the box labeled "Individual" and click on "New to individual account? Get started." **Individual is anyone who files their personal taxes as single, married filing jointly, married filing separately, head of household, or qualifying widow/widower.**
3. Click "Sign in or create an account" to get started. The account creation process will require users to verify their identity by using a form of official identification and taking a selfie. **This is a one-time step that is a security measure required by the IRS** to protect against identity theft and the compromise of personal information. Once their account is set up, this step will not be required for subsequent logins.

Once you create your IRS account, you will not have to complete this extra step again in future years and will have the ability to authorize up to three years of taxes to share with us and any other school(s) you are applying to.

All parents are invited to attend any of the family information sessions to learn more about how to fill out the Clarity application for Financial Aid. Registration links are included.

September 23, 7 pm Pacific Time

September 24, 6 pm Eastern Time

October 21, 7 pm Pacific Time

October 22, 6pm Eastern Time

December 9, 8:30 pm Eastern Time

Please be sure to submit your Financial Aid application by November 1, 2026. We will be issuing awards for returning students in mid-February with the re-enrollment contracts.

Finally, besides these information opportunities, we have a wealth of information on the Baylor School website (www.baylorschool.org) under the banner of Admission and in the Tuition and Financial Aid section of the website. I am available for individual meeting, either in person or by Zoom, whichever may be more convenient for you. You will find my appointment calendar at https://www.baylorschool.org/admission/tuition-financial-aid/financial-aid-appointments

Sincerely,

Bill Murdock

Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Family Support Contact Information

All available in English and Spanish. The application itself is also fully translated into Spanish using the drop-down in the lower left corner.

- In-app support through the "Help" button in the lower left corner
- Email support at support@clarityapp.com
- Phone support at 206-210-3752

Family Support Hours

Standard (April through September)

- Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm ET
- Extended Peak (October through March)

Email and Chat Support

- Monday to Friday, 8 am to 11 pm ET
- Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm ET

Phone Support

- Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm ET
- Saturday, 9am to 5 pm ET