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At Castilleja, we are committed to bringing together curious and engaged girls from all different socioeconomic backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives.

Castilleja provides need-based tuition assistance that enables us to enroll students, regardless of their family's financial circumstances, for a transformative educational experience. Thanks in large part to donors who have established endowments and contributed to The Castilleja Fund, Castilleja remains financially accessible to all students.

Our robust tuition assistance program is designed to meet the needs of a wide range of financial circumstances, and currently 1 in 5 students receives tuition assistance. We recognize the increasing burden that tuition places on families and strive to ensure that Castilleja is affordable for all admitted students. We encourage interested families to apply for admission and tuition assistance.

Admission and tuition decisions are made separately. We award tuition assistance annually with each year's award determined by a family's current demonstrated need and the school's available funds.

Our goal is to support families who demonstrate financial need, which is calculated using Clarity Tuition. By determining what each family can contribute to tuition, the Committee allocates awards ranging from $4,950 to $67,700 depending on each applicant's financial situation.

Tuition & Fees

2026–2027

Tuition $67,750

Includes:

- Healthy lunch and snacks
- Transportation to and from Caltrain
- Shuttles from various locations
- Class retreats and field trips
- Athletic participation

Estimated Annual Expenses

Books & Uniforms
$650-$1,100 (new or used)

Laptop $1,500-$2,000

Student Activity Fund

Additional financial assistance is provided to eligible students to cover a portion of books and supplies, social activities, tutoring and any Castilleja activity that requires a fee. Laptop computers are provided to students who demonstrate need.

Application Process

Prospective families considering applying for tuition assistance should visit our website, **www.castilleja.org/tuition**, for more information. The application can usually be completed on a mobile phone or computer in 20 to 30 minutes. Applications are due January 5, 2027.

Families can be assured that all information concerning tuition assistance is held in the strictest of confidence by Castilleja School. Only those persons directly involved in the tuition assistance decision-making process or in its administration will review this information.

To illustrate the broad range of families receiving tuition assistance from Castilleja, this chart summarizes awards granted in 2026–2027:

FAMILY INCOME RANGE	NUMBER OF AWARDS	AVERAGE AWARD
Less than $100,000	20	$66,660
$100,000–$200,000	10	$65,280
$200,001–$300,000	15	$57,546
Greater than $300,000	37	$36,218

2026–2027 Case Studies

Castilleja's tuition assistance recipients represent a broad range of income level, and we recognize that each family has a unique financial situation. The following case studies are presented for illustrative purposes only and are meant to encourage families from a wide range of financial circumstances to apply.

	CASE 1	CASE 2	CASE 3
Parents Employed	One Parent Employed	Single Parent Employed	Two Parents Employed
Number of Children	1 in private school	1 in private school	2 in private school
Total Income	$334,000	$100,000	$275,000
Net Worth: - Home Equity - Savings/Investments	 $660,000 $12,000	 $0 $5,000	 $1,700,000 $1,460,000
Tuition Award	$47,425	$67,075	$38,615
Parent Payment	**$20,325**	**$675**	**$29,135**

"It was Castilleja's tuition assistance that helped keep our daughter at the place that came to be her educational home and changed her life forever."

— CASTILLEJA PARENT

Tuition Assistance Policies & Principles

- Tuition assistance is distributed to qualifying families of students in grades 6-12. Castilleja strives to meet a family's need as determined by Clarity Tuition and all supporting documentation.

- Tuition Assistance awards do not require repayment. However, recipients must reapply for tuition assistance each year. If a family's financial situation hasn't changed, the percentage of tuition covered by the award remains at the same level from year to year, and the payment amount adjusts to reflect the annual increase in tuition. Only in a few cases, when a family experiences a significant change in financial circumstances, will the percentage of tuition assistance be adjusted.

- When a parent/guardian does not work, and there are no preschoolers or aging parents at home, the school will impute an annual income of at least $30,000 to the non-working parent/guardian.

- Divorced or separated parents with legal parental rights must submit all of the required tuition assistance application documents in order for their daughter to be considered for a tuition grant.

"I am grateful for my extraordinary Castilleja experience and the tuition assistance that made it possible."
– CASTILLEJA SENIOR









Support & Questions

Contact the Admission Office at 650-470-7733 or tuitionassistance@castilleja.org

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