CHARLES WRIGHT ACADEMY

FINANCIAL AID GUIDE FOR FAMILIES



AFFORDING CHARLES WRIGHT ACADEMY

Since 1957, Charles Wright Academy has been guided by our mission to inspire active, joyful learning while nurturing and challenging students to develop the character, creativity, and skills to successfully navigate the future with confidence. We believe that mission should be within reach for every family who sees themselves in it. Our need-based financial aid program exists so that cost is never a deciding factor in whether a student can become a Tarrier. Each year, more than 40 percent of CWA students receive financial aid.

CWA draws families from across the region, from many backgrounds and many walks of life. That range of experience makes every classroom stronger. Students learn to listen, collaborate, and lead alongside peers whose perspectives differ from their own, which prepares them for the world they will step into. Investing in financial aid is how we keep the CWA community as rich and varied as the region we call home.











THE VALUE OF A CWA EDUCATION











A community where every student is known, with an average class size of 12 and an 8:1 student-to-teacher ratio.

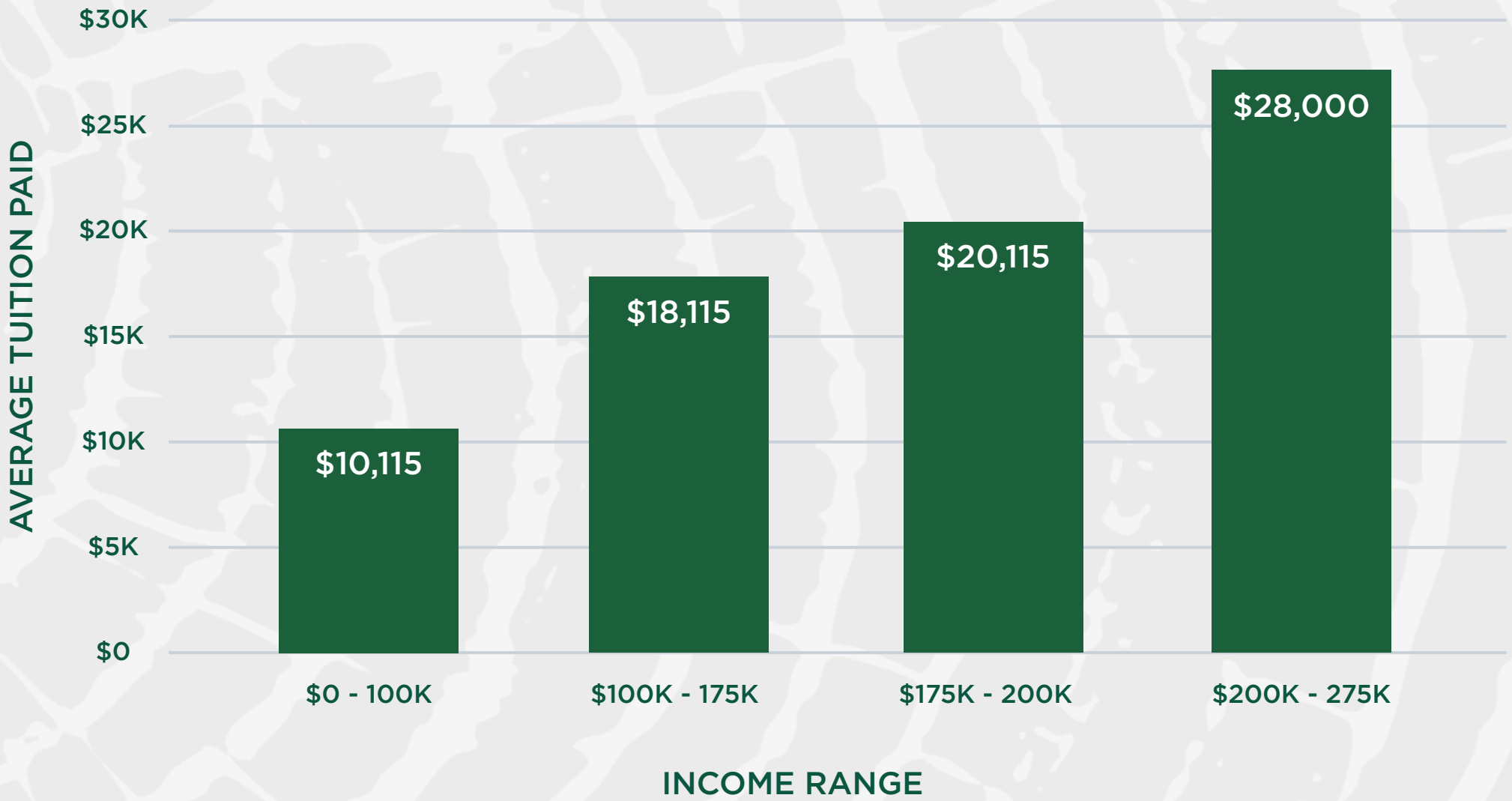
80+ Acres of Discovery: A wooded campus with 40 acres of forested trails and more than 50 years of experiential learning through outdoor education, travel, and service learning.

Preparation for What Comes Next: Students build the character, creativity, and skills to successfully navigate the future with confidence. One-on-one support from our College Counselor for all Upper School students.

Educators who nurture and challenge every student, from Beginning School through Grade 12.

AVERAGE TUITION PAID BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

This graph shows the average tuition paid per family, by household income, assuming the family has one child enrolled at Charles Wright Academy.



HOW IS FINANCIAL AID CALCULATED?

Charles Wright Academy uses Clarity to help process financial aid applications. Families submit their financial information and IRS tax documents, and the CWA Financial Aid Committee uses this information to determine a need-based award for each applicant. Financial aid applications do not disadvantage a student's application.

INCOME

Annual income including wages from all household earners, self-employment earnings, non-taxable income (like child support or government benefits), and any adjustments to taxable income.

ASSETS

In addition to income, we evaluate a family's assets to determine financial need. Families report values for items such as bank accounts, investment holdings, property, business equity, and 529 plans.

EXPENSES

We take every family's living expenses into account to provide a holistic picture of financial need. These include housing, food and clothing, transportation, and healthcare.

OTHER EXPENSES AND DEBTS

Other expenses such as student loan payments, child support, union dues, charitable contributions, eldercare, and alimony.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

START YOUR APPLICATION

There is a $65 fee to submit the financial aid application through Clarity.

SUBMIT TAX DOCUMENTATION

For families re-applying, Clarity will automatically retrieve prior-year IRS tax documents.

For families applying for the first time, Clarity will prompt you to upload any required tax documentation.

REVIEW AWARD DECISION

Returning families can review their financial aid award when they receive their re-enrollment information.

Newly admitted families can review their financial aid award in their admissions decision letters.

Questions? Please reach out to admissions@charleswright.org
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