THE BRYN MAWR SCHOOL

Affording a Bryn Mawr Education

BRYN MAWR FLEXIBLE TUITION PROGRAM





Our Flexible Tuition Program

We understand the cost of a Bryn Mawr education can be a challenge for many families. Our Flexible Tuition Program offers families the opportunity to pay what they can afford. The program is comprehensive and may also apply to school trips, textbooks, transportation, technology, extended day programs and other fees. We want to ensure that the most qualified students have the opportunity to attend Bryn Mawr, regardless of a family's financial circumstances.

For the current school year (2026–27), Bryn Mawr allocated over $7 million in Flexible Tuition to more than one-third of our families. A family's annual obligation is determined after a careful review of their Flexible Tuition application and upon the recommendations made by Clarity Tuition. A family's tuition responsibility can range from $5,000 to $44,470. Every family is asked to pay some portion of tuition.

Who should apply?

Bryn Mawr's Flexible Tuition Program is open to all families. Families submit information about their financial resources to Clarity Tuition and we use standard criteria to evaluate a family's ability to pay the tuition. While it is difficult to define a "typical" Flexible Tuition candidate, common threads among families who qualify are factors like income, the number of children in a family and lifestyle choices.

How is the family contribution calculated?

Family circumstances vary widely. Often families with similar incomes have different financial need due to differences in financial circumstances other than income. The Flexible Tuition Committee assesses each family's situation individually, looking at the entire financial picture.

How does Bryn Mawr decide what families will pay?

There are some key factors in determining a family's tuition costs. Within each category below, you will find typical items we consider.

1. Assets
A family's assets may include: taxable wages, self-employment income, taxable dividend and/or interest income, alimony or other household expenses paid by a separated or divorced spouse, pensions, estates or trusts, capital gains, taxable IRA distributions, profits from a business or real estate investments, vehicles and bank accounts.

The Bryn Mawr School is a member of Clarity Tuition, which helps independent schools across the country assess a family's ability to pay tuition. In reviewing each Flexible Tuition application, Bryn Mawr considers the Clarity Tuition recommendation along with the additional required financial information a family is asked to provide.

2. Expenses & Debt
Typical expenses and debts may include educational expenses, home mortgages, medical/dental expenses, prolonged illness, unemployment, past business debts, consumer debt, child support, costs for a child with special needs and child care.

3. Filing Status
We consider your filing status: divorced, separated, never married or widowed. **Awards are not considered unless complete financial information is received from both living parents. If parents are separated, divorced or never married, both parents are required to complete the Flexible Tuition Application.** It is expected that both parents and appropriate stepparents contribute to the education of their child regardless of legal agreements. Bryn Mawr's Flexible Tuition Program does not feel bound by the assertion that one parent disclaims responsibility for educational expenses.

4. Non-Working Parent
If all children in a family are over the age of 6, it is expected that both parents will be employed. If one parent is able but chooses not to work, we impute a full-time income at minimum wage to that parent for the purposes of calculating Flexible Tuition.

5. Number of Children in Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools
Bryn Mawr considers a family's other children enrolled in independent schools. We look for equal commitment to paying tuition for all K–12 children in a family. Students in college have many more resources available to them, such as student loans, employment and scholarships.

Frequently Asked Questions

How is Flexible Tuition different from Financial Aid?
Flexible Tuition seeks to increase access to independent schools and is a model of tuition assistance that is based on a family's ability to pay rather than how much a school can give.

If we apply for Flexible Tuition, will it affect our child's application for admission?
No, our admissions committee considers an applicant based on the applicant's own merit. A family's financial situation is not discussed in admission deliberations.

What does Flexible Tuition cover?
In addition to tuition, the program may apply to textbooks, transportation, technology, extended day programs, school trips and other fees.

Will all students eligible for Flexible Tuition receive it?
Unfortunately, no. Every year there are more qualified applicants for Flexible Tuition than available funds. There is a waitlist in the event that additional funds become available.

Is Flexible Tuition automatically renewed each year?
No, a family currently in the Flexible Tuition Program must reapply for it in subsequent years. Flexible Tuition applications will be available in October and must be submitted by mid-December. Given the same financial circumstances, a family can expect to contribute approximately the same portion of tuition toward a Bryn Mawr education. We are committed to seeing our students reach graduation, pending annual demonstration of continued need.

Still have questions about Flexible Tuition at Bryn Mawr?
Contact our Senior Director of Enrollment Management, Rebekah Jackson, at jacksonr@brynmawrschool.org or 410.323.1118 x1237.

Tuition Rates 2026–2027

Pre-Kindergarten*	$26,000
Kindergarten	$35,600
Grades 1–5	$40,740
Grades 6–8	$42,620
Grades 9–12	$44,470

*Please note the Flexible Tuition Program is not available for Pre-Kindergarten.

Annual Enrollment Fee/Deposit

Ten percent of total tuition—non-refundable and credited toward tuition.

Pre-Kindergarten	$2,600
Kindergarten	$3,560
Grades 1–5	$4,074
Grades 6–8	$4,262
Grades 9–12	$4,447

Monthly Payment Options

Interest-free monthly payment plan options that include direct debit and a credit card option are available through Blackbaud Tuition Management. Details are available on our website at **brynmawrschool.org/flexibletuition**.

Please contact the Business Office at 410.323.1118 x1254 if you have questions concerning either of these payment options.

Tuition Refund Plan

This plan protects tuition fees in the event of a student's withdrawal from school. A brochure outlining the details of this plan is included with the reservation agreement.

Payment Schedule

Tuition is due in advance. Sixty-five percent of the tuition is payable on August 1; the balance is due on December 1.

Fees for Extended Day and other charges are billed monthly and are due upon receipt. A late fee of 1.5% per month is charged for all bills remaining unpaid for more than 30 days after the billing date.

Additional Expenses

Some additional monies are required to cover books, uniforms and activities. Activities fees include items such as transportation for class trips, overnight class retreats, publications like the Bryn Mawrtyr yearbook and PSAT testing. Parents are billed for books and activities fees in July.

Lower School activities fees	$160
Lower School books and supplies	$230
Middle School technology fee (includes student Chromebook)	$230
Middle and Upper School activities fees	$210
Middle and Upper School books	$200–$600
Upper School laptop (required)	$1,000–$1,500
Parents' Association fee	$65

Extended Day

There is no additional cost for before-school care. For students in the Lower School, there is a nine-month after-school care program. The rate for a full year Extended Day contract is $2,800. In the Middle School, an Afternoon Supervision Program is offered until 5:30 p.m. daily. There is a full school year contract for $1,600 or drop-in rate of $15 per day. Visit **brynmawrschool.org/community/students/gateways** to learn more about our after-school options.

2026–2027 Deadlines for the Flexible Tuition Program

DUE DATE	ACTION	NOTES
December 15, 2026	Submit the Clarity Tuition application	Only one Clarity application is needed for each family, even if there are several children applying to different schools. • Go to **https://auth.clarityapp.com/en/login** and create your account • Sign and submit a Form 4506c, which will give Clarity Tuition permission to pull your prior year tax returns • Pay processing fee
February 18, 2027	Receive Flexible Tuition decision from Bryn Mawr	Admissions decisions are made independently of Flexible Tuition decisions
March 5, 2027	Submit online enrollment agreement and tuition deposit to Bryn Mawr	

The deadline for Bryn Mawr's Flexible Tuition Program is December 15, 2026. Requests submitted after this date may not be included in the initial allocation of tuition assistance. As a result, funds may not be available to families who qualify if the application is submitted after the deadline.

Applying for Flexible Tuition

To obtain Flexible Tuition information, call the Admission Office at 410.323.1118 ext. 1232 or visit our website: **brynmawrschool.org/flexibletuition**.



The Bryn Mawr School admits qualified students of any race, religion, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, or any disability to all of the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, or any disability in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, hiring practices, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.