
OUR VALUES & PHILOSOPHY

The traditional disciplines of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies form the core of our academic program. Because we seek to educate the whole child, the school also offers programs which include Art, Spanish, Music, Technology, and Physical Education. Our teaching is spirited and promotes active learning. We provide experiences which reflect all learning styles and stages of development in children. We guide students to discover their own strengths and develop confidence in their abilities to learn. Our programs are innovative, flexible, and individualized.

We encourage close relationships between students, families, and teachers in promoting a community whose central focus is on the child. In addition, we strive to provide open lines of communication between faculty, staff, and administration. We believe that parents are an essential part of the educational process, and we encourage every parent to take an active role.

We recognize our responsibility to prepare students to meet not just academic challenges, but personal and ethical ones as well. Our faculty provides leadership, fosters character development, and instills strong values such as honesty, integrity, and respect as they guide students toward self-reliance. We encourage our students to look beyond themselves, to work cooperatively with others, and to serve their communities. Our programs provide every opportunity for children to express their creativity, individuality, and talent.

Because of our well-defined values and philosophy, children naturally become enthusiastic and excited about learning as a life-long experience. Students are provided venues to master essential skills, positive self-esteem, and a clear sense of values. At The Academy of Arts and Sciences, we strive to empower young people to reach their highest potential, not only in school, but also in life.

OUR STATEMENT ON DIVERSITY

The Academy promotes diversity within our school community and fosters the appreciation for cultures in our society. It is our practice to educate children in a manner where respect for individual and cultural differences and understanding of our common humanity is achieved.

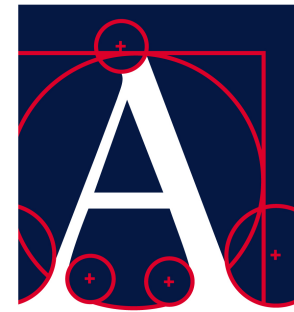
The Academy of Arts and Sciences admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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WHAT IS A TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

There are financial obligations on the part of parents or guardians who choose an independent or private, non-public educational experience for their child. Tuition costs support the expenses of faculty, staff, resources, supplies and facilities. The Academy of Arts and Sciences is committed to providing a valuable tuition assistance program to applicants who qualify. The Academy welcomes all students whose families consider education their top priority. The school depends upon the financial resources and contributions that each family provides. We will act as partners and work with you in the application process to identify resources that will allow your child to engage in our significant program offerings.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

When current financial circumstances do not allow full support of the various fees and tuition cost to attend the Academy, families are encouraged to apply for assistance through our Tuition Assistance Program.

1. The student must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment into The Academy of Arts and Sciences.
2. The family must be able to demonstrate financial need.
3. The application and corresponding documentation must be supplied.
4. Written documentation must be provided and include the following: the need for financial assistance, the

duration of time financial assistance is needed, the conditions under which the applicant would no longer require some or all of the financial assistance provided, and the conditions under which the applicant may be able to repay some or all of the financial assistance received.

LEVELS OF TUITION ASSISTANCE

There are four basic levels of Tuition Assistance available to families who qualify. They are:

- 10% of annual tuition fees
- 25% of annual tuition fees
- 50% of annual tuition fees
- 100% of annual tuition fees (special allocation only)

HOW TO APPLY

Families simply request a Tuition Assistance package from the Admissions Director. All applications are confidential and administered by an outside agency to determine qualification status and the level of assistance which can be provided. You will be notified of the results of your application within four weeks of submission. This is a confidential process that ensures the privacy of both the applicant and the recipient of tuition assistance.

WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED FROM YOU

The School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) is a service provided by the National Association of Independent Schools. For more than 2,400 schools, SSS provides an objective and consistent method of determining a family's ability to contribute to educational expenses. For families, SSS services and resources can help ease the process of financial aid. The Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) is the cornerstone of the financial aid application. It is offered in print or online and is designed to be clear and user friendly. The common application can eliminate duplicate efforts; complete one PFS to apply for aid at multiple schools for all of your children. For families who wish to apply for the Tuition Assistance Program, the following documents must be submitted directly to the school:

- A copy of your most recent income tax return to verify the information on the PFS

Please contact the Admissions Director for additional questions regarding Tuition Assistance and Academic Scholarships.

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