



Heathwood Hall Episcopal School Tuition Assistance Program

Since its founding in 1951, Heathwood Hall Episcopal School's mission has been centered on a commitment to building a school community enriched with students from a variety of economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Our tuition assistance program supports our mission and is nondiscriminatory in practice.

Heathwood Hall has a well-established tuition assistance program that is applied in accordance with the principles and best practices of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and the School's core values. The School seeks to provide tuition assistance to those families with a demonstrated financial need as determined by NAIS's School and Student Services (SSS). While the analysis provided by SSS offers important guidelines for student assistance, rulings on final awards ultimately rest with the School's Tuition Assistance Committee.

Heathwood Hall's tuition assistance program supports students in kindergarten through grade twelve.

The School will hold all information concerning tuition assistance in strict confidence. The School is opposed to any practice that publicly identifies recipients of assistance or distinguishes them from others. Only those persons directly involved in the tuition assistance decision-making process, or in its administration, have access to this information.

Tuition Assistance Process

Whether you are a current family or your child has just applied, please follow the steps below to apply for Tuition Assistance:

1. Starting on October 1, 2024, go to sssandtadsfa.force.com and click "I'm a family applicant."
2. If you are a returning family with an existing account, enter your login and password from the previous year in the green box. If you have forgotten your login information, click "forgot your password." If you are a new family, click on the option to "Create an Account" in the box to the right and follow the prompts.. **Heathwood Hall's school code is 3793.**
3. Download the PFS Online Workbook and refer to on-screen help for guidance. You can log out of the PFS Online at any time -- then return later to complete your PFS.
4. **Please upload your most recent tax returns to the SSS application portal.** You will be prompted to do so after submitting the Parent's Financial Statement. Your application cannot be processed until your tax returns have been submitted.

For any questions, please call 1-800-344-8328 (Mon - Fri: 9am - 8pm EST. Sat: 9am - 4pm EST).

Returning families should submit their applications between October 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025. After this deadline, we will begin processing applications for new-to-Heathwood families, which may impact our budget. New families may submit forms at any time after October 1, 2024. Awards will be made as long as our budget allows.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is tuition assistance? Heathwood Hall offers tuition assistance in the form of a tuition grant. The award is applied toward the tuition for the upcoming school year and does not need to be repaid.

Will I qualify for tuition assistance? Any family may apply for tuition assistance. Ability to pay is determined by a number of factors including Annual Gross Income, assets, debts, and expenses among other things.

Does financial assistance cover other school expenses? Financial assistance is applied to tuition only, however, the Committee may be able to offer awards on particular fees and will assist families as funds allow.

What is the policy regarding separated, divorced, or never-married parents? Heathwood Hall considers the income and assets of any adult who plays a significant role in a student's life. All adults (mothers, fathers, step-parents, guardians, domestic partners living in the home, etc.) are required to submit all forms to SSS.

If one parent does not work, is he or she required to complete the PFS? Yes, Heathwood Hall expects that any parent, guardian, or domestic partner living in the home, who is able to work, does work in order to be granted Tuition Assistance. Individual circumstances, such as disabilities, temporary unemployment, or other extenuating circumstances will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Please contact the Director of Admission and Financial Aid (Jessie Garlinghouse, jgarlinghouse@heathwood.org) with further questions.

When will I be notified of my award?

If a family is awarded Tuition Assistance, they will receive an email with the award information at the time of enrollment or re-enrollment.

Do I have to reapply every year? Yes. Because a family's financial circumstances can change from year to year, the Committee requires all current tuition assistance recipients to reapply each year. If a family's circumstances do not change significantly they can expect their contribution to remain about the same from year to year.

When are applications for tuition assistance due?

For returning families, applications and all documents are due on January 1, 2025. For new families, we will continue making tuition assistance awards as long as our budget allows. We encourage you to start the process as soon as you begin the admission process.

Who are the members of the Tuition Assistance Committee?

The Tuition Assistance Committee is composed of selected members of the Admission Team and Business Office. The Head of School may be consulted at times. Tuition Assistance applications and awards are held in the strictest of confidence. Teachers, coaches, members of the Board of Trustees, and other stakeholders are not involved in the Tuition Assistance process, nor are they told who receives Tuition Assistance.

For additional questions, please contact:

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