



TUITION ASSISTANCE

We encourage you to apply for tuition assistance if your family needs help with tuition. We are happy to do what we can to make it possible for your child to attend. The experience of our students is shaped by the entire school community; every child and family contributes to the whole.

The amount available for assistance is established by the board each year. That sum is shared among all families who qualify. Eligibility is determined not by the school but by an independent agency, the financial branch of the National Association of Independent Schools (SSS), based on an analysis of your previous year's income and tax return.

Every family who qualifies receives *some* aid. 2021-2022 awards ranged from \$1,750 to \$2,500 per child, off annual tuition. Each child's award amount is determined, the number of qualified families applying, the amount set aside by the board, and if child is attending grade school (1-5) or middle school (6-8). Every student within each level receives the same amount. A small sibling discount may be awarded to families with two or more children.

The Tuition Assistance Committee does not consider any request without an eligibility report from the SSS/NAIS. This on-line application process must be completed by **April 15th** in order for your application to be considered for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you expect that the SSS report will not reflect your true ability to pay because of a recent change in your circumstances, such as impacts from COVID-19, are not reflected in your 2021 tax return, address a letter to the Tuition Assistance Committee, to the attention of Cynthia Bower, Siskiyou School Business Manager. The letter must also reach the school office by April 15th to be included in the Committee's review process. The letter will be considered in conjunction with the SSS report.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1. Go to <http://sssbynais.org/parents> Click on the right hand green link saying "Complete your PFS". Siskiyou School code is **4222**
- 2. Gather your 2021 tax return and related forms (W-2, 1040, 1099, etc.) so that you'll have the numbers you need when you start filling out the forms. Fill out the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS).
- 3. When you log on, you will be given an SSS pin number and asked to create a PFS password. If you've applied in the past years, you can use your login info again. Otherwise create a new account.
- 4. If you have more than one child, apply for all your children on the same form at the same time.
- 5. A processing fee of \$55.00 per family is required with your application.
- 6. Complete the SSS application completely by **April 15th, 2022.**

If you have questions about the SSS process, call 1-800-344-8328, Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 11:00 pm Eastern Time, and 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays. If you have questions about our process, call Kristin Beers, our office manager, at (541) 482-8223 or email her at kristin.beers@siskiyouschool.org.

AWARD LETTERS AND COMPLETING ENROLLMENT

May 6th

Award letters with AMENDED Tuition Contracts mailed.

May 13th

Signed AMENDED Tuition Contracts due back to the office.

Enrollment Fee Reimbursement: If the award offered is insufficient for your family's needs and you decide to withdraw your child from the school, your enrollment fee will be reimbursed.