

Financial Aid at The Advent School

The primary goal of the financial aid program at The Advent School is to maintain a socially and economically diverse student body. Whenever possible, we award financial aid to those students who would be unable to attend without financial assistance.

The Advent School Financial Aid Committee uses the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) as a uniform method of measuring the parent's ability to pay for education. The Committee considers each application individually with the goal of awarding aid to families from a broad economic range. All applicants are reviewed anonymously, and the names of those receiving aid are confidential.

- Income, family size, expenses, assets and acceptable liabilities, and the number of dependents enrolled in tuition-charging schools are all used to determine financial aid eligibility.
- If the parents are not living together, both parents need to submit a Parent Financial Statement (PFS) to the SSS.

The Advent School gives priority to currently enrolled students who are already receiving financial aid. Applications cannot be considered unless financial obligations to the School are current as of **February 1, 2010**.

Financial Aid Application Instructions

Documents to be sent to SSS by February 8, 2010:

- The Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) can be completed online at <http://sss.nais.org> (*The Advent School code is 1123*) **OR** via a paper submission* to:

Regular Mail: SSS By NAIS
P.O. Box 449
Randolph, MA 02638

Overnight Mail: SSS By NAIS
Application Processing Center
437 Turnpike Street
Canton, MA 02021

*Please contact the School for a paper copy of the PFS

Documents to be sent to SSS by February 15, 2010:

- Copies of the 2009 federal tax form(s), W2's and any other schedules submitted to the IRS.
- SSS Business/Farm statements. Business/Farm statements are required if either parent owns or is a partner in a business. Statements can be found on the SSS website in the "Download Forms" section.
- A signed federal 4506T form.

Documents to be sent to The Advent School

- The Advent School no longer requires any documents to be sent to us. All documents (see above) should be sent directly to SSS.

Please make sure to go over the application and forms carefully. We cannot consider incomplete applications.

Please note:

Should there be any circumstances that you believe the Financial Aid Committee ought to be aware of when considering a financial aid award, please send a letter to The Advent School to the attention of Jeff Morgan describing these circumstances along with

documentation (bills/receipts). We will get in touch with you should there need to be a meeting to discuss any relevant issues.

Please note that an offer of admission to The Advent School does not guarantee a financial aid award, families that qualify for assistance may be placed on a financial aid waitlist.

The Advent School adheres to the *Principles of Good Practice for Financial Aid* of the National Association of Independent Schools.