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Financial Assistance 2010-2011

Mount Madonna School is committed to maintaining economic diversity within our community of families. The Bernice Arnold Scholarship Endowment and other special donations are allocated for Financial Aid. Financial Aid grants are based on each family's economic needs.

Approximately 25% of the student body receives financial assistance. If you are questioning whether you can afford Mount Madonna School, we encourage you to apply for financial assistance and speak with Supriya McDonald or Jivanti Rutansky about possible ways to make an MMS education affordable for your family. Families will be considered for financial assistance after they have been offered admission to the school – and are encouraged to complete the application process by the admission deadline.

Financial Aid Grant Process

Families apply by filling out the NAIS School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) form online (www.nais.org/go/sss). Remember to save your pin and password to update your application online. This year, we require that all applicants submit W-2 and tax forms directly to NAIS via the instructions provided on the SSS site.

Financial assistance letters are sent to admitted students in March. If you apply for enrollment and are admitted later than March, you may still apply for financial assistance.

Financial Assistance Checklist Please file <u>online</u> if at all possible. A \$35 fee is charged by SSS. www.nais.org/go/sss School Code #1867	SSS Parents' Financial Statement	Tax Forms and W-2 Forms
For Current Families & Early Admissions applicants	File by February 1 st	Submit to SSS as part of the application process
For Regular Admissions applicants	File by February 23 rd	Submit to SSS as part of the application process

For families applying for Financial Aid, you'll be pleased to know that we have again engaged the most respected independent service to provide us with impartial evaluations of each family's finances. The SSS is the service most widely used by independent schools throughout the country. All matters relating to financial aid are kept in strictest confidence.

If you have any questions regarding financial assistance, please contact one of the Heads of School: Mary Supriya McDonald at ext. 274 or email Supriya.Mcdonald@mountmadonna.org for preschool/kindergarten and elementary grades; and Jivanti Rutansky at ext. 273 or email Jivanti@mountmadonna.org for middle and high school grades.

Mount Madonna School's open admission and financial assistance policies do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual preference, ethnic origin, disability, marital status, religion, creed or similar factors. This policy applies to all areas of student concerns: admissions, athletics, educational policies, financial assistance, and other school administered programs.