



## Tuition Assistance Program

Deerfield-Windsor School recognizes the educational value of a school community that includes students with a variety of economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Our tuition assistance program is designed to provide educational opportunities to students whose families may not be able to afford the full cost of tuition.

DWS utilizes School & Student Services (SSS), a service of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). SSS is a well-established service that calculates each family's ability to pay and reports that information to the independent school(s) the family designates.

In order to be considered for tuition assistance for the 2018-2019 school year, families must submit the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) to SSS along with their most recent Federal Income Tax Form (1040). All applications must be completed online. The online PFS may be filed at <http://sssbynais.org/parents>. The fee to submit this application is on a sliding scale but will not exceed \$50 for the 2018-2019 school year. SSS calculates the amount of demonstrated need and reports this to DWS.

DWS is unable to meet the full amount of demonstrated need for applicants. Recipients of tuition assistance are expected to remain in good academic standing and maintain acceptable behavior. Families receiving tuition assistance must meet all school-related financial obligations. Failure to meet any of these expectations can result in the termination of the financial aid grant. Tuition assistance grants are awarded on a one-year basis, and families must re-apply each year. Deerfield-Windsor School does not offer full tuition grants; every family is expected to participate in contributing an amount toward tuition.

All information is maintained in strictest confidence by the members of the Financial Aid Committee. If you have additional questions please contact Jennifer Ricks at [jennifer.ricks@deerfieldwindsor.com](mailto:jennifer.ricks@deerfieldwindsor.com) or at (229) 435-1301.

### Tuition Assistance Application Process:

- Gather your current and previous year tax forms, W-2 forms, and other financial documents. You are required to submit your Federal Tax Form 1040 as well as the appropriate schedules.
- **Apply before the deadline**
  - Priority deadline for current DWS families is March 1st, and final deadline for current families is April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Priority deadline for new DWS families is April 15<sup>th</sup>, and final deadline for new families is May 15<sup>th</sup>
- File online at <https://sss.secure.force.com/familyportal>
  - Log in under "Returning Family" using your information from last year or "Create a New Account" if this is your first time applying for assistance.
  - Enter your data and follow the prompts
  - For assistance, go to <http://sssbynais.org/parents/help>