

financial aid policy and procedures

The Baldwin School is committed to supporting accessibility to Baldwin for families across the socio-economic spectrum. The Trustees continue to seek outside funds to support the Financial Aid Program; however, the school's funds are limited.

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE USED IN AWARDING GRANTS:

- Financial aid grants are awarded on the basis of a family's demonstrated financial need to students with proven ability, motivation, and respect for Baldwin's core values. Eligibility for aid is determined by the School's Financial Aid Committee based on its evaluation of the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) of the School and Student Service (SSS) of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), and a copy of the family's current and complete Federal Income Tax forms.
- The primary responsibility for tuition rests with the family. In evaluating the above information, The Baldwin School Financial Aid Committee takes into account the number, ages, and schools of children, additional dependents, assets, and all sources of income. In addition, we consider lifestyle choices, debts, expenses, and spending priorities.
- Renewal of the grant is based on demonstration of continued financial need, as well as evidence that the recipients continue to exhibit satisfactory academic progress, good citizenship, and favorable financial standing.
- New students must be accepted first through the admission process, and then are considered for financial aid through a separate process.
- Current students receiving financial aid are given priority funding. Next, consideration is given to current parents seeking aid for the first time. Finally, we try to meet the needs of newly enrolled students.
- Financial aid is available for Pre-Kindergarten; a maximum of 25% of tuition may be offered, based upon need. For Kindergarten, a maximum of 50% of tuition may be offered, based upon need.

DIVORCE OR SEPARATION

Because financial aid is based on a family's ability to meet the cost of an education at The Baldwin School, we require financial information from all parents and step-parents. The School cannot be bound by the assertion of one parent that he or she is not responsible for education expenses. Thus, all parents must provide the information that is required on the Parents' Financial Statement and their complete Federal Income Tax forms each year. If this information is not available at the time the application is evaluated, it may cause arbitrary assessment of financial need to be made by the School. This may result in a diminished award or no award at all.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Sarah J. Goebel, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, welcomes the opportunity to answer questions about the financial aid process. Financial Aid is a partnership between families and the Baldwin School. Recognizing the sensitivity of personal financial issues, we guarantee the confidentiality of the process and expect families to maintain the confidentiality of any award information, as well.

FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

- **December 1:** If you have indicated on your application for admission an interest in receiving financial aid information, you will receive by email a link to the website of the School and Student Service (SSS) to fill out your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) online. In the case of divorced or separated parents, each parent is required to submit a PFS; please be careful to use the same format of your daughter's name for each submission so that your daughter's online record will be integrated with all information submitted. If you do not receive a link for SSS by email by December 1, please call the Admissions Office at 610.525.2888, ext. 291 or go to sss.nais.org.
- **January 15:** Complete the PFS online, submitting your information through sss.nais.org, no later than **January 15**. A photocopy or email of the completed PFS must also be received by the Admissions Office at Baldwin no later than **January 15**. **The Baldwin School code is 1468.**
- **March 1:** Submit your complete Federal Income Tax form (1040 and all schedules) for the current year to SSS by **March 1**.

INFORMATION REGARDING ALTERNATIVE
PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
MAY BE AVAILABLE AT
WWW.NAIS.ORG.