



ISM

The International School
of Minnesota

TUITION ASSISTANCE

What is the mission of ISM's tuition assistance program?

A private education is an investment in your child's future. The International School of Minnesota's need-based tuition assistance program works to ensure that attendance costs do not prevent access to an outstanding education. We are committed to providing ISM families with an experience accessible to all income levels.

What does "tuition assistance" mean?

This is a term used to describe funding provided to families so they are able to pay tuition and other costs associated with attending ISM.

Who is eligible to apply for tuition assistance?

Students entering kindergarten-grade 12, whose parents/legal guardians fulfill the requirements listed below.

Who should complete this application?

The responsible financial party/parties of the child should complete this application, whether that person is a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, or legal guardian. There is a section within the application where contributions from non-custodial parents and relatives can be entered.

Why do I need to input my spouse's information if I am remarried and they are not legally responsible for my children?

The Blackbaud Financial Aid Management™ calculation works off of the total household income; therefore, includes all income, whether the party is legally responsible for your children or not. Our system does take into consideration your spouse's expenses as well as their income. Please list all expenses that are asked for within the application.

What if I'm separated or divorced?

In either case, both parents must submit a tuition assistance application and submit all requisite information to Blackbaud Financial Aid Management™ before the tuition assistance committee will consider an application. If either parent is remarried or lives with a significant other, the spouse or significant other's contributions to the household, along with any obligations to his or her own children, are taken into consideration.

What if I do not have the required tax documents?

Include the most recent tax documentation you have available. If you are asked for a specific line item from a tax document that you have not yet completed, please estimate the projected amount.



When will I receive a decision about financial assistance?

Processing takes approximately 4 weeks once your application has been completed and all documents have been submitted. You will be notified via email once a decision has been made. Next, you will be prompted to log in to your Blackbaud account to view your award.

What if I want to edit my application?

Once an application has been submitted, it can no longer be edited by a parent. However, if changes are necessary, a written statement with the change (including the application ID), should be sent to financialaidsupport@blackbaud.school or call 1-800-360-8027 with questions.

Is tuition assistance limited to low-income families?

No, ISM is committed to assisting families from various income levels, as long as a family demonstrates need.

Are scholarships available?

Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to apply for the Taiylor Nunn STEM Scholarship through our Friends of ISM program.

Do I have to repay tuition assistance awards?

No, repayment is not required. These are not loans.

How do I apply for tuition assistance?

You can find instructions online here. The priority deadline to apply for aid is: 1/30/2023

Do I have to reapply for tuition assistance each year?

Yes, you must apply for tuition assistance each year. We want to make sure that tuition assistance goes to families who need it, and we must determine this each year by having each family complete a new application annually.

Is family tuition information kept confidential?

Yes, all information is secured and held in the strictest confidence. Tuition assistance applications are reviewed only by a small group of ISM's financial committee.