



The Kildonan School

Founded in 1969

Dear Parent/Guardian of Financial Aid Applicant:

The Kildonan School Financial Aid Committee thanks you for your interest in our academic programs. We understand the many sacrifices families and extended families must make when they decide on an independent school education for their child. While the primary financial responsibility of tuition rests in your hands, we are committed to helping families afford a Kildonan education.

Please understand that our financial aid funds come directly from our annual fund appeal and private donations; we do not receive federal or state funding. We offer financial aid awards in the form of grants that do not need to be repaid. Our budget is limited and we seek to distribute grants to students based on need. Awards are made on a first come, first served basis. If you are in due process or considering due process with your school district please contact me directly before continuing with the financial aid process. Families who are in due process with their school district will not be awarded financial aid until the district reaches a settlement agreement with the family.

Kildonan uses the School and Student Services (SSS) to collect basic financial information on income, assets, family size and the number of siblings in tuition-charging schools. A need analysis report is prepared by SSS, which suggests the amount families can contribute for educational costs. Since not all families' financial circumstances are equal, The Financial Aid Committee uses the SSS evaluation as a starting point for financial aid.

In considering application for financial assistance, the following school policy is taken into consideration: In the case of financial aid, the matter of divorce or separation of parents is a difficult one. The school will consider the assets of both natural parents, if living, before making any award, and cannot be bound by the assertion that one parent has disclaimed responsibility for educational expense. If either parent has remarried, we will consider also the assets of the stepparent, always bearing in mind the obligation of that stepparent to his or her own natural children.

In view of this policy, it is necessary that both natural parents and their current spouses, if any, fill out the PFS form. The information provided will be kept in strictest confidence. It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to ask the noncustodial parent to fill out a Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). If this information is not provided, the Financial Aid Committee will be unable to consider awarding a grant to the student. An extra form for the noncustodial parent may be obtained from the Admissions Office. Once the family's contribution is determined, the Committee will award a grant if funds are available. The award is conditional upon the review of your most recent Federal Tax Return and W2's.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 845-373-2027.

Sincerely,

Mimi Babcock
Director of Advancement/Financial Aid

Financial Aid Application Checklist:

The amount you can reasonably contribute toward meeting the cost of a Kildonan education is reviewed annually. Your contribution may increase, decrease or remain the same depending on the change in your financial circumstances from year to year. The amount of financial aid awarded will also be based on the number of families requesting assistance and on the availability of funds allotted for financial aid.

You are responsible for the proper and timely completion of the Financial Aid Application. Please take care to make sure your documents are completed properly to prevent delays. All documents must be received by the school to determine eligibility.

1. Gather the items necessary to complete the application before you begin to fill out the form.

- Parent's Financial Statement (PFS)
- 2016 income information (If you have not prepared your 2016 Federal Tax Return, you may use your W2 wage statements, and the Interest Statement Form 1099.)
- Your child's 2016 income figures
- Estimates of your and your child's assets and debts
- Kildonan's School and Student Service Code for the PFS is **4382**.

2. Read the Parents' Financial Statement Instructions Booklet.

1. Make one copy of the completed PFS form. Retain a copy for your records and send the original to SSS. Be sure to sign and include the appropriate fee with your application. For quicker processing of your PFS, complete the PFS online at www.nais.org/financialaid/sss.

1. If appropriate, call the Admissions Office to request a Parents' Financial Statement for the non-custodial parent. The non-custodial parent must then complete this form and return it to Mimi Babcock, The Kildonan School marked "Confidential".

1. If appropriate, call the Admissions Office to request the "Business/Farm Statement" or you may go online at www.nais.org/financialaid/sss and download the form. Complete this form and return it to Mimi Babcock, The Kildonan School marked "Confidential".

1. If you paid the additional fee to receive your copy of the PFS report, review the summary, which will be sent to you about three weeks after filing the PFS. If any changes are necessary, contact Mimi Babcock at The Kildonan School, not SSS.

1. Send a signed copy of your 2016 Federal Tax Return including the W2's to Mimi Babcock, The Kildonan School, marked "Confidential-Financial Aid".

APPLICATION CALENDAR

The Financial Aid Committee will accept applications for financial aid anytime prior to the beginning of the Kildonan academic year or Camp Dunnabeck summer session. Understand, however, that most of the financial aid available is awarded early, so the sooner the forms are completed and information is sent in, the better.

Please feel free to contact Mimi Babcock, Director of Advancement/Financial Aid at 845-373-2027 at any time during the financial aid application process.

The Kildonan School/Camp Dunnabeck does not and will not discriminate against applicants or students on the basis of physical handicap, race, sex, sexual orientation, creed or national origin. This policy applies, but is not limited to admissions, financial aid, use of school facilities and participation in all school activities.