



Sunny Hollow MONTESORI

TODDLER - PRIMARY - ELEMENTARY - JUNIOR HIGH

FINANCIAL AID: 2024-2025

Sunny Hollow Montessori is constantly striving to create a diverse school community to support the learning of our children and families. One of the important strands of this diversity is socio-economic. The Board of Trustees at SHM designates financial aid funds each year to support families in enrolling and maintaining their children at the school. Any family may apply for financial aid. Please read the following information carefully if you wish to make application.

SCHOOL & STUDENT SERVICES

- SHM uses the **School & Student Services (SSS)** to gather financial information from families using the Parent Financial Statement (PFS). SSS is part of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and their service is used by thousands of independent schools nationwide.
- SSS gathers financial aid information from families (**only one PFS application required per family.**) This organization takes all the financial information supplied by families to calculate how much a family has available for an SHM education. They do NOT make financial aid decisions. Sunny Hollow Montessori uses this information to help inform its financial aid decisions. All financial aid comes directly from the school funds designated by the Board of Trustees.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

- The **PARENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PFS)** can be accessed online at sssandtadsfa.force.com. The school code is **4316**.

- Go to the family portal and you will be walked through the application process step-by-step. Your data can be saved and returned to at a later date once you have set up your account.


DIVORCED OR BLENDED FAMILIES

- In cases of divorce or separation, both parents are required to submit their financial information and should submit a complete PFS. In the section labeled, "Other Parent", list the other parent and SSS will ink the applications via the child's name and that "Other Parent" information.
- All adults of the household and related information should be reported on the SSS form, including step-parents, cohabitating partners, etc.

FINANCIAL AID DATES

- **PRIORITY DEADLINE, ENROLLED FAMILIES:** January 19, 2024
- **PRIORITY DEADLINE, NEW APPLICANT FAMILIES:** February 19, 2024
- **PRIORITY NOTIFICATION, ENROLLED FAMILIES,** February 2, 2024
- **PRIORITY NOTIFICATION, NEW APPLICANT FAMILIES:** Week of March 11, 2024

If you should have any questions about the financial aid process, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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