



Mission

Oak Meadow's Mission to cultivate responsible global citizens is supported by the belief that all of Oak Meadow's students are best served when they have the opportunity to grow and learn in a diverse educational community. Our school thrives by active participation from students and families from a wide range of identities, experiences and backgrounds. Tuition assistance is offered to provide access and opportunities to students with demonstrated financial need and to enrich the community as a whole by creating an economically diverse student body. Oak Meadow's Tuition Assistance Program does not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, sex, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, or ability, in fact, it is underpinned by the notion that these differences make us stronger.

Who Can Apply

- Families with a full-day student in CH3 or above and families with multiple children attending any Program Level(s) may apply for tuition assistance. Any family may apply in extenuating circumstances.
- Families who receive tuition assistance do not qualify for other tuition discounts.
- Tuition assistance eligibility is determined only after an admission decision has been made. Applying for tuition assistance in no way affects the admission decision.
- Students who withdraw forfeit their tuition assistance awards.
- Award eligibility is determined based on the calculations and recommendations of FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment and consideration of special circumstances by the Tuition Assistance Committee.

Responsibilities of the Applicant

- All families seeking tuition assistance MUST submit an application through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. All families must submit the required tax and financial documents through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. All applications must meet these basic requirements for completion before they are considered.
 - Families complete one application per school year. Eligibility is reviewed annually.
 - The Tuition Assistance Committee may request additional information or documentation upon review of the application.
- Returning families are encouraged to submit their applications by **December 31**. New families should submit by **January 31**.
- Grants rarely exceed 50% of tuition. Parents who enroll their children at Oak Meadow are primarily responsible for paying tuition and related costs.
- Applicants must demonstrate the prioritization of tuition payment in their financial decision making.
 - It is expected that families applying for tuition assistance demonstrate financial responsibility and sustainable decision making for the family to live within its means.
 - Parents applying for tuition assistance should make every effort to seek and maintain gainful employment and a sustainable income.
- Families must remain current with their OMMS accounts throughout the school year for a tuition assistance award to remain in effect.
- All Oak Meadow families are expected to follow the guidelines and meet the standards set forth in the Family Handbook. Failure to adhere to these policies may affect award determination.
- Families accepting an award must do so within the timeframe outlined in their award decision letter. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the award.
- Any parent or guardian who signs the Enrollment Agreement is responsible for paying tuition and applying for tuition assistance. For multi-home families where parents share custody and financial responsibility, both parents must submit an application. In multi-home families where one

parent has financial responsibility for tuition, only that parent needs to apply.

- Families who wish to appeal their tuition assistance decision may reach out to the Operations Manager directly to request re-evaluation.

Responsibilities of the School

- Tuition assistance grants are need-based, with awards considered based on the recommendations by FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment and each family's special circumstances. Grants are awarded based on demonstrated financial need.
- Oak Meadow seeks to award as many grants as the budget allows for a given academic year.
- Applications are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and reviewed comparatively to ensure equity.
 - Every effort will be given to meeting the full need of eligible families. If that is not possible due to budget constraints, every effort will be given to awarding grants to meet an equal rate of need.
- Families who receive tuition assistance may seek secondary grants for field trips, Otter Days, book fees, or other fees by contacting the Tuition Assistance Coordinator directly. As the budget permits, these secondary grants will be awarded based on a percentage equal to the discount received on annual tuition.
- All tuition assistance inquiries, applications, awards, and direct communications are confidential, and are only discussed between the family and school. These are only accessed by the Director of Enrollment Management, Operations Manager, and Head of School. Tuition assistance data will only be shared publicly as statistics and percentages that maintain the anonymity of recipients.