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## Financial Aid FAQs

### **What is financial aid at the International School of Los Angeles?**

The School financial aid is monetary assistance that enables qualified students to attend the International School of Los Angeles, “the School.” It is not a loan; rather it is a “discount” off the cost of tuition. The amount of each student’s award depends on the amount of available funds in a given year and the family’s documented financial need as determined by completing the PFS form online at <https://sssbynais.org/parents/> **by March 31** of the preceding school year.

**The maximum amount of aid awarded is 50% of tuition.**

### **Why does the School give financial aid?**

The School’s main purpose for giving financial aid is to help existing families who have temporary financial problems to continue pursuing their commitment to the School for the education of their child(ren). Each year, families must reapply and there is no guarantee of continuing assistance.

### **If my child re-enrolls, is he/she automatically considered for the School’s financial aid?**

No, the re-enrollment and financial aid processes involve separate procedures. Each process requires a separate application. The requirements and deadlines for each are different. It is the family’s responsibility to meet all deadlines. The financial aid decision is made after the student is re-enrolled.

### **Are children in all grades eligible for financial aid at the School?**

No, preschool and pre-kindergarten level students as well as all newly enrolling students are not eligible for the School financial aid unless they have older siblings already enrolled at the School.

### **What happens if parents are separated or divorced?**

Both the custodial and non-custodial parents need to fill out a PFS application.

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**If a child is awarded aid for one school year, will he/she automatically receive the same aid in subsequent years?**

No, parents must reapply every year. Changes in a family's financial circumstances, tuition levels, how many children the family has enrolled at the School, and the amount of available funds are among the factors that could increase or decrease any student's subsequent award. Also, if aid recipient families do not keep on schedule with their tuition payments during one school year, they may not be considered for aid the following year.

**When and how will families be notified of the results?**

The School will send an email to all families who apply for financial aid. The financial aid department tries to process all applications within 60 days from the application deadline. If the application packet is complete, families should know the final decision by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Who makes the decision regarding financial aid?**

The decision to grant financial aid is made by the financial aid committee. The committee consists of three individuals who do not have children or relatives attending the School and who do not have a financial stake in the School. The committee is advised by the School's appointed financial aid staff during the evaluation process to ensure proper understanding of submitted financial records and other appropriate information. The committee's final decision is submitted to the School-appointed financial aid staff, who in turn presents the results to the Board of Trustees for approval. Once approved, the families who have been granted an award are notified.