

Dear current and potential financial aid recipients,

The financial aid team uses School and Student Services (SSS) for its financial aid screening process. The Parents' Financial Statement (PFS), completed via the SSS portal, is used by thousands of K-12 schools and other organizations across the country to help assess a family's ability to pay school costs.

Families are eligible for financial aid consideration starting in their first year at the School. All families – new and currently enrolled (i.e. re-enrolling) – must complete an annual application in order to be considered for financial assistance.

Families applying for school financial aid must complete the online application on or before:

- **New families:** January 31 of the preceding school year; prior year tax returns must be included.
- **Returning/re-enrolling families:** March 15 of the preceding school year; current and prior year tax returns must be included.

## For families with multiple households:

- For families in which parents are remarried, the income of **all** members of **all** households is taken into account.
- In the event of separation or divorce, both parents will be required to fill out separate applications.
- 1) Complete a Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) application **online here** (cost of \$55). Use **school ID 3920**.

Returning financial aid applicants should use the "**returning family**" option so that the application will pre-populate much of the needed information.

- For line-by-line instructions on transferring information from your tax documents to the application, please <u>review this handy guide</u>.
- 2) Once you finish the online application, you will be asked to scan and upload documents to complete the process. **Tax forms must be uploaded**

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**directly to the online application**; they cannot be accepted by the School. For uploading instructions, please <u>click here</u>.

## For additional safety, be sure to black out all social security numbers before scanning and uploading documents.

To be eligible for financial aid consideration, families must be current on all financial obligations to the School. Please note that, for returning families, a student's academic achievement and discipline record may also affect a family's eligibility for financial aid. Typical financial aid awards range from 10%-50% of tuition and fees, with some awards being lower and some being higher.

The International School of Los Angeles reserves the right to request additional documents or information related to financial aid applications. All applications are considered in strict confidence.

If, at any time, families have questions about the financial aid process, they are invited to email us at financialaid@lilaschool.com.

The financial aid team wishes your family much success in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

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