

THE DARROW SCHOOL

Financial Aid Policy

The Darrow School's need-based and merit-based financial aid programs allow the School to attract and retain a diverse student population that reflects a wide range of socioeconomic, experiential, and cultural backgrounds. Darrow does not discriminate against race, color, sex or gender identity, physical handicap, sexual orientation, religion, creed, or ethnic or national origin.

To assess a family's need for financial assistance, Darrow utilizes an independent agency called the School and Student Services for Financial Aid (SSS). SSS provides member schools with an objective methodology for calculating a family's ability to contribute to educational expenses. SSS does not make an award, but using the information provided by families suggests appropriate guidelines for the School to make an award based on a family's particular situation and the School's resources. Financial aid and merit scholarship decisions are made independent of admissions and re-enrollment decisions and in no way affect a candidate's selection in either of those processes. To receive and retain a financial aid award the student must be in good academic standing and be a position and contributing member of the school community. All students accepted for admission to The Darrow School are eligible for merit scholarships.

The process for applying for financial assistance is as follows:

- Complete the Parent Financial Statement (PFS). Please follow the directions at: <https://www.solutionsbysss.com/parents/> and submit by February 1, 2019.
- Submit your W-2 and 1040 tax information to SSS. If your 2018 Federal Tax return is not complete by February 1, 2019, you'll need to submit your 2017 Federal Tax return along with a copy of your 2018 W-2 for each parent/step-parent/guardian. Final financial aid awards will be dependent upon receipt and review of your 2018 Federal Income Tax return by April 15, 2019.

- In cases of divorce, each parent is required to fill out a PFS and send the required materials to SSS in order for the financial aid application to be complete.
- The Financial Aid Committee will consider the financial resources of both natural and adoptive parents, if living, before making an award.
- The Committee will also consider the resources of step-parents or legal guardians, when applicable, bearing in mind the obligations of step-parents or legal guardians to their natural or adoptive children.
- Any financial aid award may be appealed if there is new or different information that was not previously known to the Financial Aid Committee. All appeals must be in writing and sent to the attention of the Director of Financial Aid within 30 days of receiving your award. You will receive a reply to your appeal within two weeks of receipt.

If you need assistance completing your financial aid application online please email SSS directly at: sss@communitybrands.com.

Please note: Materials for financial aid are kept strictly confidential. The Darrow School requests that parents/guardians and students not discuss their financial aid awards with others.

Important Dates

February 1: Financial aid application due

March 10: Admissions decisions and financial aid awards mailed

April 10: New student contracts and enrollment deposit due back to The Darrow School

If you have further questions, please contact Stephanie Boulay, Director of Financial Aid, at 518-794-6025 or boulays@darrowschool.org.