

Financial Aid Applications

Information for Families

Thank you for your interest in Indian Creek School for the 2010-11 school year. You may begin to apply for financial aid starting on November 1, 2009, as described below. To be eligible for consideration for financial aid at Indian Creek School, you must complete your application by **January 8, 2010**. We will communicate decisions about financial aid in February for returning students and in March/April for new students.

We use School and Student Services (SSS) to process our financial aid applications. SSS is a service of the National Association of Independent Schools. Based on the financial information you provide, SSS gives us an estimated amount that your family can contribute to educational expenses. This helps our school make fair and objective financial aid decisions. To begin your financial aid application for the 2010-11 enrollment year, follow these steps below.

ONLINE

1. Starting on November 1, 2009, go to *sss.nais.org*.
2. Click on the prompt to begin your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). You only need to complete one PFS even if you have several children applying to our school.
3. You will be given a username and password that will allow you to return to your PFS at a later date before submitting it. Your information will be secure.

You will be given instructions about submitting backup documents. At Indian Creek School, we require the following be submitted to SSS by January 8, 2010:

Indian Creek School Financial Aid Request Form
2008 1040 (all schedules) & 2008 W-2s
Business & Farm Statement, if applicable

Also required 2009 1040 (all schedules) & 2009 W-2s
be submitted to SSS by April 23, 2010.

Note: If you apply for financial aid online, your information will be delivered accurately and quickly to our school, allowing us to make a quicker decision about your eligibility for financial aid.

BY MAIL

1. If you don't already have a printed Parents' Financial Statement (PFS), call our school Admission Offices at:
Lower/Middle School 410-923-3660 Upper School 410-849-5151 or go to our website at www.indiancreekschool.com and look under Admission/Financial Aid tab
2. Complete the PFS and return it to School and Student Services by NAIS, Application Processing Center, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449 USA along with the necessary tax & ICS Financial Aid Request Form as outlined above.

A New Look at *sss.nais.org*

Families who have applied for financial aid in the past will see that this website looks different. It uses the same methodology and will require the same information. But we think you will find the interface and on-screen help much more user-friendly:

- Clear, step by step instructions
- Ability to begin a PFS and complete it at a later date
- Ability for you to track the receipt of documents, so that you know where your application stands
- Online help to ensure successful submission

At *sss.nais.org*,
also find tips and
articles.

Call SSS directly at (800) 344-8328 with any questions