



BRENTWOOD ACADEMY

Need-Based Financial Aid

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How do I express interest in applying for financial aid?

Because our financial aid application process is separate from the admission process, our admission committee does not know of families who need or who are seeking need-based aid. You may apply from our website by clicking on “admission” then “tuition and financial aid.” There is a direct link from that page to School and Student Services (SSS) that will take you to the financial aid application. Additional information and requirements are also listed on the Brentwood Academy web page.

2. Does Brentwood Academy offer scholarships?

No. As a member of the TSSAA (Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association), Brentwood Academy offers only need-based financial aid.

3. Why does our enrollment contract need to be returned prior to the receipt of our need-based award?

Admission and financial aid committees are working parallel yet independently during the year. Admission deadlines occur prior to those for financial aid and are made “need-blind” to assure that all children are reviewed fairly for admission. Admission decisions occur first and financial aid decisions are made in March and April. No contract for financial aid families is binding until they have received (and accepted) the financial aid award.

4. When will I receive our financial aid award?

For families whose child(ren) have been admitted, who have returned their enrollment contract, and who have completed the financial aid application including all required documentation, the decisions will be mailed in early March.

5. Does Brentwood Academy offer multiple child discounts?

Because we award on the need-based financial aid premise, a family who demonstrates need will have their calculation adjusted based on the number of children in a tuition-charging school. This typically works better for families with multiple children than a discount and is a fairer assessment of true need.

6. How is my family's need determined?

Brentwood Academy uses School and Student Services (SSS) to calculate the amount that each family can afford to pay based on the information provided by the family on their parent financial statement (PFS). We use their calculation along with 1040's and w-2's to help our committee arrive at an amount of aid award.

7. What about divorced or single parent families?

We believe that tuition is first and foremost a responsibility of parents. Whenever possible, we require BOTH parents (custodial and non-custodial) full financial disclosure so that need may be determined. Because we handle every child's situation individually, our committee handles every application confidentially and individually.

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