



PIERREPONT SCHOOL
Westport, CT

PIERREPONT SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Pierrepont School follows the “Principles of Good Practice for Financial Aid Administration” set out by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). In accordance with these principles, all tuition assistance at Pierrepont School is awarded on the basis of financial need, with the understanding that “*the primary responsibility for financing education rests with the family.*”¹ Pierrepont School will make every effort to meet the demonstrated need of all admitted students. We use the School and Student Service for Financial Aid to perform the analysis to determine the financial need of each family. The Pierrepont School Board of Trustees Tuition Assistance Committee awards assistance to families based on this analysis.

Please note:

- Applying for financial aid will not affect admission decisions.
- Pierrepont School does not discriminate in the administration of its financial aid policies because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age in violation of existing state or federal law or regulations.
- Eligibility for financial aid is reviewed annually. Families are expected to *reapply* for aid each year and *to keep the school informed of changes in their financial status*.
- Financial information supplied by each family will be kept in strict confidence.

Parents Financial Aid Statement (PFS)

If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please request a packet from Pierrepont School. You will be mailed a booklet entitled “Parents’ Financial Aid Statement” (PFS) which contains instructions, an application, a worksheet copy, and a return envelope. Please read the instruction booklet carefully, complete the application and submit it to School and Student Services (SSS) as soon as possible.

Tax Returns

You will also be asked to submit a copy of your most recent signed tax return with all accompanying schedules directly to Pierrepont School. This information is used to verify the PFS application.

DEADLINES

December 14, 2010- Last day to mail completed PFS to Princeton.

February 1, 2011 - Last day to mail tax information to Pierrepont School. Please send a copy of your 2010 return if you have completed it by that date. If not, send a copy of your 2009 return and copies of 2009 income statements (i.e. W-2 or 1099).

Families will be notified of Financial Aid awards in March.

Questions regarding Pierrepont School’s financial aid policy and procedure can be directed to Gary Webber at (203) 256-8632.

¹P.P. Jamison and R. Countryman, *NAIS Financial Aid Administration for Schools* (Washington, D.C. 1999) p.93