

# Our Financial Aid Mission

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From its founding more than 65 years ago, St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's stated mission has been to enroll students who represent a wide range of backgrounds. Our financial aid program assists qualified children who might not otherwise have access to an independent school education.

St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's has developed rigorous and creative programs designed to educate academically prepared, physically confident, and morally centered people of conscience and character. Support for these programs, together with faculty compensation, accounts for the relatively high cost of tuition. We recognize the financial sacrifices families make to send their children here and believe the value of a St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's education will match their commitment.

Because we believe that every child is entitled to a quality education, each year St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's strives to meet the needs of our accepted applicants requesting financial aid. Families are eligible to receive financial assistance beginning in nursery, when students attend school five days a week.

## Financial Aid Fast Facts

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### OUR COMMUNITY

- 390 students
- 273 families
- 5:1 student to teacher ratio
- 49% of our families come from diverse ethnic backgrounds
- Students come from all five boroughs of New York City

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

- 25% of students in nursery through grade 8 receive financial aid
- In the 2018-19 academic year, the school provided \$3.6 million in aid

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**GUIDE TO FINANCIAL AID**  
**2019-2020**



## Applying for Financial Aid

**STEP 1:** Fill out the TADS Financial Application Worksheet ([www.mytads.com](http://www.mytads.com))

**DEADLINE:** September–October

The TADS Financial Aid Application Worksheet becomes available in September. This worksheet will help you gather the necessary information needed to fill out the application and does not need to be submitted.

**STEP 2:** Complete the TADS online application through their website

**DEADLINE:** December 1

The TADS Online Application for Financial Aid becomes available in September. Please use the information on your TADS Worksheet to help you complete this online application. Note, also, that tax documents including the IRS Form 1040 and W-2/1099 must be submitted to TADS directly via the website. Based on your financial circumstances, TADS may request other supporting information. When submitting your application, you may request a fee waiver code from the admission office.

**STEP 3:** Submit new IRS Form 1040 and W-2/1099

**DEADLINE:** May 1

If accepting an offer of enrollment and a financial aid award, families must submit a new 1040 and W-2 form by May 1. Documents should be uploaded to TADS. St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's reserves the right to reconsider financial aid awards in the event of extreme discrepancies.

### DETERMINATION OF FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid grants are need-based, annual awards that are defined as the difference between the school's tuition and fees and the family's ability to contribute to these costs. Determination of awards is calculated using a cost-of-living index appropriate to New York City. The degree to which a family qualifies for aid is determined by the school's Financial Aid Committee through careful review of the family's TADS application and supplemental information related to the request.

## Financial Aid FAQs

**Q: Will an application for aid affect an application for admission?**

**A:** An application for financial aid is considered separately from the application for admission.

**Q: Does financial aid cover costs aside from the tuition?**

**A:** Financial aid subsidizes the school's tuition. The school's tuition includes supplies and materials, sports equipment, field trips, snack, and lunch. Families can also apply for aid in the After School Program and Summer Camp.

**Q: Does St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's provide merit scholarships?**

**A:** All financial aid is need-based and not determined by student performance.

**Q: What is TADS?**

**A:** Tuition Aid Data Services (TADS) is a third-party service that our school works with to collect financial information from families. TADS will submit a final report, which the school then uses, along with any other required information, to make its decision in awarding aid.

**Q: What if a family has financial responsibilities that the TADS application does not address?**

**A:** Families are encouraged to submit a Letter of Special Circumstance as part of their application that will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee.