



The School in Rose Valley (SRV) is committed to enrolling students from diverse economic, ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds. The SRV Tuition Assistance program is a critical tool in achieving this commitment because it provides tuition assistance to families of SRV students who would otherwise be unable to consider SRV as an option.

The primary responsibility for financing education rests with the family. SRV expects parents to give their children's education a very high priority in their financial planning. The assumption is that every family will carefully consider its own resources and explore other possible sources of support such as grandparents or other family resources before coming to the school for assistance.

Tuition Assistance is based on need and is available to families whose children are enrolled full-time in Preschool through 6th grade who could not otherwise afford the full tuition. The tuition assistance budget is limited. Families who apply may not all qualify and those who do qualify will receive awards dependent on the total need for that year.



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## Tuition Assistance at The School in Rose Valley

## Who may apply for Tuition Assistance?



- Any family may apply for tuition assistance.
- Only students who have been admitted will have their Tuition Assistance application considered by the Tuition Assistance Committee, although families may initiate the Tuition Assistance application process before the outcome of their application for admission is known.
- The admissions process is conducted without regard to financial need. That is, no student will be denied admission because they have indicated that they will apply for Tuition Assistance.

## How is Tuition Assistance at SRV funded?



- Tuition Assistance is funded from a percentage of the School's gross tuition revenue.
- A very limited amount (less than 10%) comes from a separate endowment designated for Tuition Assistance.
- SRV also receives EITC or state tax credit gifts that offset Tuition Assistance.

## What is the Tuition Assistance application process?



- Families request Tuition Assistance information on their Application for Admission or by directly contacting the Director of Admission.
- Families apply online by the stated deadline through the website [solutionsbysss.com](http://solutionsbysss.com), which is managed by School and Student Services by NAIS (SSS). There is a fee to process applications.

- Families submit the prior year's tax forms to the SRV office.
- Families receive their Tuition Assistance award letter and either accept or decline their award.
- There is an appeal process. Instructions and an appeal due date is contained in the award letter.
- All materials regarding Tuition Assistance applications will be kept secure and in the strictest confidence.
- In cases of divorce or separation, both parents are required to make independent applications for each household and provide financial information.

## How are Tuition Assistance awards determined?



- Awards are determined by SRV's Tuition Assistance committee with the data that parents submit via SSS and in accordance with the school's Tuition Assistance Policy.
- The SSS formula considers gross taxable income, assets, liabilities, and family size. According to the SSS methodology, after deducting an allowance for required taxes and basic necessities, a portion of discretionary income is considered to be available for tuition based on a sliding scale.
- The greater a family's income and assets, the more a family will be expected to contribute to their child's tuition.
- Deadlines are very important and can be found on the SRV website in the Tuition Assistance section under the Admissions tab. SRV needs to have the entire pool of completed applications when awards are granted. Late applications will not be eligible for any special consideration.

- Requests after the deadline will be made from funds remaining from the budgeted amount. With the great demand for Tuition Assistance, it is not guaranteed that funds will be left over after the deadline.
- Priority is given to current students, to students who are enrolled full time, and to students who plan to remain at SRV for the entire elementary program. SRV offers tuition assistance for preschool, but gives priority to applications for K through 6th grade.
- Awards can be affected by class size and a need for diversity and gender balance.
- SRV's limited Tuition Assistance budget does not permit us to meet the full need of any family. Approximately 48% of SRV families receive tuition assistance awards that generally range from 15% – 75% of tuition.
- Tuition Assistance awards are not guaranteed for subsequent years. Determinations are made each year based on current financial information. If Tuition Assistance is awarded, it is the school's goal to make comparable awards in subsequent years, as long as financial need remains the same and subject to there being no material change in SRV's ability to continue providing Tuition Assistance. However, a new Tuition Assistance application must be submitted for each school year.

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