

Financial Aid Applications

Information for Families Applying for Aid for the 2011-12 School Year

Thank you for your interest in September High School for the 2011-12 school year. To be eligible for consideration for financial aid, you must complete your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) by February 18th, 2011. We will communicate decisions about financial aid on March 25th, 2011.

We use School and Student Services (SSS) to process financial aid applications. Based on the financial information you provide in the Parents' Financial Statement, SSS gives us an estimated amount your family can contribute to educational expenses. This estimate is a *starting point* to help us make fair and objective financial aid decisions. To begin your financial aid application for the 2011-12 school year, please follow these steps below. (You only have to complete one Parents' Financial Statement, even if you have several children applying.)

TO COMPLETE THE PARENTS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PFS) ONLINE

1. Starting on November 1, 2010, go to sss.nais.org/parents.
2. Click on the "Apply Now" button.
3. You will set up a PFS Online account using your e-mail address and a password, which will allow you to return to work your PFS again before submitting it. *Returning parents: If you completed an online PFS application last year, use your e-mail address and existing password. If you have forgotten your password, click on "Forgot my password."*
4. Submit and pay for the PFS (\$35). This fee is non-refundable.
5. Print out the Required Documents Cover Sheet to use when sending in the additional documents we require. *Your submission confirmation page will link to a Required Documents Cover Sheet that is pre-populated with your information. Or to access your cover sheet any time, log into PFS Online and click on "Print Cover Sheet."*



Why apply online? Your information will be delivered to us more quickly and accurately, allowing us to make a faster financial aid decision. You'll also save \$12.

TO COMPLETE A PRINTED PARENTS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT FORM

1. If you don't already have a printed Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) form, call our school at 303-443-9933 or go to the admissions tab on our website at www.septemberschool.org to download one.
2. Complete the PFS and return it with non-refundable payment (\$47) to: SSS By NAIS, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449 USA. (For overnight mail: SSS By NAIS, 437 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021.)
3. The PFS comes with a Required Documents Cover Sheet. Use this when sending in additional documents we require.



Tip: Mail any documents 10 days in advance of our deadline to allow for mail delivery and for SSS's processing time.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS WE REQUIRE

Our school requires that you submit to SSS by mail or online the following documents in addition to your completed Parents' Financial Statement: 2009 & 2010 (if available) Federal and State Tax Returns and any other tax forms (1040, W-2, 1099, Business/Farm Statement) that are applicable. If your financial situation has dramatically changed from the prior year, you may want to include a prior year tax return in addition to your most recent return. SSS must receive these documents by February 18th, 2011.

****Note: if your 2010 return has not yet been filed, please provide your current year W-2, 3 recent paystubs and/or bank statements.**

- **To submit these documents by mail**, send one copy (not the original) of each document with a Required Documents Cover Sheet to: SSS By NAIS, Processing Center, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449 USA. (For overnight mail: SSS By NAIS, Processing Center, 437 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021.) *Tips: Do not fold or paper clip documents. Enclose with the Required Documents Cover Sheet in a large envelope of approximate size 9"x 12."*
- **To submit these documents online** at sss.nais.org/parents after you complete your PFS, follow the instructions for how to upload documents.

Call SSS Customer Service at (800) 344-8328 with any questions (M-F: 9am-8pm EST. Sat: 9am-4pm EST)