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Applying for Financial Aid

Hackley School's financial aid program embodies the school's mission-driven commitment to enroll and support students with financial need, who by virtue of their character, talent, backgrounds, and perspectives enrich the community and its educational environment. Financial aid grants are administered to ensure that all students benefit from the full range of Hackley's educational program and offerings. Any family can request need-based financial aid for students in Grades K through 12.

Interested families must submit a financial aid application through our financial aid platform, **Clarity** (app.clarityapp.com) no later than **December 15, 2026**. The application will ask for information about your household, income, assets, and expenses. This information will be supported by tax documents, such as the 1040 and W2(s) and/or 1099(s). Typically, grants are based on a family's previous year's income. Thus, families applying for the 2027-2028 school year will receive grants based on 2025 tax-year data.

Need-based financial aid is granted at the school's discretion and takes into account each family's unique financial situation as demonstrated through the Clarity application. The Financial Aid Committee will only review the file and finalize awards after the financial aid application, including all required documents, is completed and submitted. Families must submit current financial data each year to be considered for a renewal of their financial aid.

In addition to support for tuition expenses, Hackley helps financial aid recipients participate fully in the academic and extracurricular life of the school through Hackley Extracurricular Support, which is an extension of the financial aid program. See the right column for more information.

Extracurricular Support

In addition to need-based financial aid grants to defray the cost of tuition, Hackley offers Extracurricular Support as an extension of the financial aid program. This program provides limited additional financial assistance for financial aid recipients to help every student benefit from Hackley's extensive academic and extracurricular offerings. Support will reflect the same percentage of financial aid that your student receives.

Financial aid recipients can access reduced rates (equal to the percentage of your financial aid grant) for the following:

- Hackley Online Bookstore
- Hackley-Sponsored School Bus Transportation
- College Admissions Fees
- International Academic Enrichment Programs
- Hackley-sponsored extracurricular programming (with a cap of $1,000 per student per year through the EC Fund) for approved expenses such as academic & athletic team trips, Hackley Music Institute fees, and Lower and Middle School clubs and extended day fees.

Questions?

Contact **Madeleine B. Metzler**, Director of Financial Aid and Assoc. Director of Admissions, at 914.366.2648 or **Kimberly Cummings,** our Database Manager and Financial Aid Coordinator, at (914) 366-2673 or FA@hackleyschool.org.

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Financial Aid Checklist, 2026-2027

September 1, 2026 - Application for Admission available
Please indicate that you are interested in the possibility of need-based aid in your admissions portal so that you receive reminders about financial aid information. If you already receive financial aid from Hackley, you will be asked to resubmit current financial documents and a revised application through Clarity. For current families interested in new financial aid grants, please contact our office directly using the contact information below.

September 1, 2026 - Clarity Financial Aid Application opens
Start your financial aid application by creating an account with Clarity (app.clarityapp.com). Clarity will assess a fee of $65 per family for any number of children applying to any number of affiliated schools. Clarity applies fee waivers automatically for those who meet the income-based qualifications. *Please note that if an applicant's parents reside in different households, both parents must complete and submit separate financial aid applications and supporting tax documents.*

September 17, 2026 - Thursdays on the Hilltop Webinar: The Admissions & Financial Aid Application Process
Consider joining us for a deep dive into the components of the admissions and financial aid application processes and a Q&A session with Hackley's Director of Financial Aid. Register for this event through your admissions portal.

December 15, 2026 - Financial Aid Application Deadline
Financial aid applicants must complete and submit their financial aid application no later than December 15, 2026. The application includes the Clarity Application and 2025 W2(s) and/or 1099(s) and tax documents. *If parents file separately, tax returns from both parents are required.* We require a December 2026 pay stub to verify your current income.

Winter 2027 - Financial Aid decisions become available
Applicant families will receive their financial aid decision with their offer of admission on the admission notification date. Returning families will receive decisions on a rolling basis between January and March 2027.

Attention: Business Owners

- **Partnerships and Corporations:** Parents new to Hackley's Financial Aid Program who are partners in a business or who own corporations must submit the last two years (2024 and 2025) of business tax returns to Clarity, along with all schedules and attachments. In addition, you must submit the last two years of your personal tax returns (2024 and 2025 federal), including all attachments and schedules. Families continuing in the program need only submit the most recent returns.

- **Sole Proprietorships (Schedule C):** Similarly, parents new to the program whose individual tax return includes a Schedule C (and who are thus classified as sole proprietorships) will need to submit the last two years of individual returns (2024 and 2025 federal), including all attachments and schedules. Families already receiving aid need only submit the most recent returns.

If the application and required documents are incomplete, the file cannot be reviewed and no decision can be made.

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