



Sliding Scale Overview

Purpose

West Sound Academy utilizes a sliding scale tuition model to be accessible to families from various economic backgrounds.

Maximum Tuition

The Board of Trustees has defined the maximum annual tuition for the 2022-23 school year to be \$25,500 per student.

Voluntary Giving at WSA

Philanthropy remains a necessary part of the culture at WSA. Fundraising covers the difference between placements on the scale and the actual cost of a West Sound Academy education. We strongly encourage, value, and depend on the direct giving or volunteer contributions of all WSA parents, grandparents, and friends in helping sustain our commitment to offering a vibrant educational journey to our students. Regardless of placement on the Sliding Scale, all parents are asked to contribute to the fundraising efforts of the school through donations or volunteerism.

Waiving Placement on the Sliding Scale

If a family does not wish to complete the Family Financial Worksheet, that family agrees to pay the maximum tuition rate. Should a family's financial circumstances change, they can complete the form for future years.

Confidentiality

Financial information is reviewed only by the Head of School and Business Manager. Maintaining the security of personal information is at the forefront of the school's practice. Families agree to keep their tuition obligation confidential from both other families and their student(s). Failure to do so will result in losing access to the Sliding Scale Tuition program. Backup materials are professionally destroyed and not kept beyond the processing time.

Sliding Scale Application Requirements

- Completed Family Financial Worksheet
- Hardcopies of the most recently filed tax return and W-2's. Unless specified, financial statements are not returned and are shredded after review.

Last Name(s): _____

Family Financial Worksheet (FFW)

- Please answer all questions that apply to your circumstances for each custodial parent.
- **Two Households:** Complete one form. The school expects that in cases of separation or divorce, both parents will assume responsibility for their child’s educational expenses, subject to any specific court-ordered arrangement or divorce agreement.
- **Multiple Children at WSA:** Complete one form

PARENT /GUARDIAN ONE – Name:		
Marital Status:	Married	Single
Section A – Work Status		
Are you employed or self-employed?	Yes	No
What is your job title?		
What is your employer’s name?		
How long have you worked there?		
Section B – Income		
	Most Recently Filed Tax Return Year (2020)	Projected Next Tax Return Year (2021)
What is your gross income from your W-2?		
What is your gross income from sole proprietorship or self-employment?		
What is your adjusted gross income from your most recent income tax return? Report total household income if married filing jointly.		
International Families: What is your annual income in US dollars?		
If you are self-employed or a freelancer, briefly describe your income over the last three years and your projection for the upcoming year.		
Is there any additional information about your projected 2022-23 income that you would like to share?		

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Last Name(s): _____

PARENT /GUARDIAN TWO – Name:			
Marital Status:	Married	Single	Divorced
Section A – Work Status			
Are you employed or self-employed?	Yes	No	
What is your job title?			
What is your employer’s name?			
How long have you worked there?			
Section B – Income			
	Most Recently Filed Tax Return Year (2020)	Projected Next Tax Return Year (2021)	
What is your gross income from your W-2?			
What is your gross income from sole proprietorship or self-employment?			
What is your adjusted gross income from your most recent income tax return? If married filing jointly, leave this blank.			
International Families: What is your annual income in US dollars?			
If you are self-employed or a freelancer, briefly describe your income over the last three years and your projection for the upcoming year.			
Is there any additional information about your projected 2022-23 income that you would like to share?			

Section C – Other Tuition Income & Expenses			
How many total dependents for both parents are enrolled in tuition-based educational institutions elsewhere, not including WSA?			
What is the total cost of tuition and room & board for dependents not enrolled in WSA for which both parents are responsible?			
Dependent One Costs:		Dependent Two Costs:	
Dependent Three Costs:		Dependent Four Costs:	
Amount of any additional funds available for education (for example, 529 plan, dedicated savings, trust, etc.):			

Last Name(s): _____

If your student is currently enrolled in a tuition-based school, what is your annual tuition obligation?

Is there any additional information about your tuition expenses you would like to share?

Section D – Additional Information

Is there any additional information you think the committee should consider in your placement? You are welcome to write a separate letter to the tuition committee to give additional details on your family's financial situation. Such a letter could provide information on special circumstances that you feel demonstrate a need for a tuition rate lower than the range your income and reported expenses would place you on the scale. Upon review, we may ask for supporting documentation before determining your tuition rate for the coming school year.

Section E – Parent Acknowledgement

By signing below, all parties attest that the information provided is accurate to the best of their knowledge.

Parent/Guardian One Signature	Date
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Parent/Guardian Two Signature	Date
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