

FINANCIAL AID AT HOLY NAMES ACADEMY: 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

An important part of the mission of Holy Names Academy is to serve students from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. For the 2016-2017 school year, \$1,480,000 in financial-aid funds was available to Holy Names Academy families. Currently, 32.1% of enrolled students receive some level of need-based aid.

Financial aid is awarded both directly from Holy Names Academy and via the Academy from the Fulcrum Foundation of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Financial aid may include a Holy Names Academy grant, an endowed scholarship, a student work-study assignment, or a Fulcrum Foundation grant.

Incoming 9th-grade students may anticipate confirmation of financial-aid awards in mid-February. Returning students may anticipate confirmation of financial-aid awards prior to the start of tuition payments for the next academic year.

Financial-aid applications must be completed each year. All families applying for financial aid are expected to complete two forms: an online application through the School and Student Services for Financial Aid (SSS) and the Holy Names Academy Supplemental Information Form. Several supporting documents from the 2015 and 2016 tax years must also be submitted. In addition, some families may qualify for a grant from the Fulcrum Foundation, and will need to complete an additional form, the online Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Application through FACTS Management. **The deadline for financial-aid applications and 2015 supporting documentation is December 31, 2016, for all new and returning students. The deadline for 2016 supporting documentation is March 1, 2017.** Please carefully read and follow the following directions:

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID, STEP-BY-STEP

1. Complete the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) on the School and Student Services (SSS) website.

Beginning **October 24, 2016**, go to <http://sssbynais.org> and select "Website for Parents and Families." Create your PFS Online account with your e-mail address and a password. If you applied for financial aid last year, login to the PFS Online as a Returning Family using the e-mail address and password you set up last year. Create a new account only if you have not submitted a previous SSS application (including to other schools or for other students). Only one PFS application is needed per family, regardless of the number of students applying or the number of schools to which a student applies. The school identification number for Holy Names Academy is **904937**.

School & Student Services will not process your application until you have paid the non-refundable application fee of \$48 and uploaded all necessary documents.

Parents who live in separate households must *each* complete a SSS application and submit supporting documentation to SSS before the student's application can be reviewed.

2. Submit your 2015 Supporting Documentation to SSS.

Submit your 2015 supporting documentation to SSS *after* you have completed your PFS and by the December 31, 2016, deadline. You may either postal-mail or upload the required documents to SSS. If you choose to postal-mail your documents, be sure to use the SSS Document Cover Sheet and mail by December 15, 2016, to allow time for SSS to receive and upload the documents. Documents can be uploaded 24 hours after you pay for and submit your PFS, and must be submitted prior to the December 31 deadline.

After paying for and submitting your application, you will have access to a tab called "Manage Documents." From the "Manage Documents" tab, select the purple "Upload" button to the right of the document type name. You can locate additional assistance at <http://sssbynais.org/parents/apply/required-documents>. The system can only accept documents under 10.0 megabytes in size. The following documents must be submitted to SSS:

- Final 2016 paystub for each employed parent
- 2015 W-2 (for each parent) by December 31, 2016
- 2015 Federal Income Tax Form(s) IRS 1040, 1040A, or 1040 EZ, including all additional 2015 Federal Tax Schedules A-F and 1099, by December 31, 2016

Note: Families who completed an application last year should have uploaded these documents. Please verify that your 2015 W-2, tax return, and accompanying tax scheduled have been uploaded.

3. Submit the Holy Names Academy Supplemental Financial Aid Form to SSS.

Download and complete Holy Names Academy Supplemental Financial Aid Form, available on the SSS website, and submit it to SSS by December 31, 2016, in the same way you have chosen to submit your supporting documentation.

4. Submit your 2016 Supporting Documentation to SSS.

Supporting documents from the 2016 tax year must be received by March 1, 2017. You may either postal-mail or upload the required documents to SSS. If you choose to postal-mail your documents, be sure to use the SSS Document Cover Sheet and mail by February 15, 2017 to allow for SSS to receive and upload the documents. Follow the same process used to upload the 2015 documents.

The following 2016 supporting documents must be submitted to SSS:

- 2016 W-2 (for each parent) by March 1, 2017
- 2016 1099's by March 1, 2017

5. Complete the Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Application.

In addition to financial aid awarded directly from Holy Names Academy, families may be eligible for an additional grant from the Fulcrum Foundation. While factors such as family size and financial obligations are taken into account, grants are typically awarded to families:

- With wages or business income of less than \$75,000 for a family of four or less.
- With wages or business income of less than \$125,000 for all other family sizes
- Any family that has previously received a Fulcrum Foundation grant

If eligible to apply, beginning October 24, 2016, complete your online application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2faid+by+December+31> by December 31, 2016 . The institution identification number for Holy Names Academy is **29954**. If you have questions about the process or your potential eligibility, contact Ms. Francis Olson, HNA Business Manager, at (206) 720-7806 or folson@holynames-sea.org.

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES AND ASSISTANCE

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All questions regarding the SSS application process should be directed to SSS Customer Service at (800) 344-8328. For all other questions regarding Holy Names Academy financial aid, please call Business Manager Francis Olson at (206) 720-7806, or Admissions Director Eileen Denby at (206) 720-7805.

Holy Names Academy Christmas break is December 19, 2016, through January 2, 2017. During Christmas break, the Business Office, at (206) 720-7806, and Admissions Office, at (206) 720-7805, will be open to assist you or answer questions on Friday, December 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mailed documents should be postmarked by December 31, 2016.

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