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Your Tuition Assistance Program Guide for the 2027–28 Academic Year

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Tuition Assistance Program

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Park subscribes to the financial assistance guidelines of the National Association of Independent Schools and the Association of Independent Maryland Schools, our accrediting organization.



The Park School Tuition Assistance Program

Since Park's founding in 1912, the school has sought to enroll the most capable and talented students. By supplementing family tuition contributions, our Tuition Assistance Program seeks to make a Park School education affordable for families from a wide range of economic backgrounds.

Our Tuition Assistance Program supports students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. In 2026, **over \$8.1 million was awarded to 323 students, including 40 new students.** Household incomes for students participating in the Tuition Assistance Program range from under \$42,000 to over \$200,000.

At Park School, we understand that affordability is relative and each family situation is unique. For this reason, Park is committed to using a personalized assessment process to calculate tuition assistance. While every family is expected to make a contribution toward the cost of education, these need-based grants help bridge the gap between what families can reasonably be expected to contribute and the full cost of a Park education.



Determining Family Contribution

To be consistent, objective, and equitable, Park, like many independent schools, relies on the needs analysis of Ravenna Financial Aid by VenturEd Solutions. Ravenna Financial Aid (formerly School and Student Services or SSS) considers many factors when estimating a family's tuition contribution. The most significant of these is family income, but others include:

- Assets (investments, home equity, automobile, etc.)
- Family size
- Number of children attending tuition-charging institutions
- Age of parents
- Current debt (credit cards, mortgages, other loans, etc.)

After an allowance is made for basic living expenses and taxes, the remaining funds are considered discretionary income, a portion of which is assumed available for education.

Park School uses the Ravenna Financial Aid calculation as a basis for determining your family's expected contribution toward education. However, Park's calculated parent contribution may differ from that of Ravenna Financial Aid due to our consideration of additional household information or Park-specific program policies. For example, Park will add a full-time income for a parent able but not currently working, and will disallow losses attributable to second homes, investment properties, hobby businesses, and certain types of depreciation. On the other hand, Park may allow certain expenses that are disallowed in the Ravenna Financial Aid calculation.

We recognize that numbers on paper do not always paint an accurate financial picture. Therefore, we encourage you to speak with the Director of Enrollment Management and Tuition Assistance to ensure information is complete, accurate, and clear.

Tuition Assistance Application Overview

All families, whether currently enrolled or applying for admission, apply online for tuition assistance. The benefit of electronic filing is that Park receives information accurately and quickly, allowing for a prompt decision about your eligibility for tuition assistance. The first step in filing your tuition assistance application is to visit the **Affording Park** section of our website (www.parkschool.net/affording-park). There you will find instructions and copies of all forms and documents needed to complete your application.

The tuition assistance application opens on September 1, 2026 at aid.ravennasolutions.com.

Tuition Assistance Deadline for All New and Returning Families

Submit online tuition assistance application and supporting documents by December 1:

- Create or log into your Family Portal Account at <https://aid.ravennasolutions.com/apply> (Park School code: **5668**)
- Consent to TaxStatus (IRS Integration). Park School requires TaxStatus consent to process your application. Applicants unable to provide TaxStatus consent should contact Park School Tuition Assistance Office for alternate instructions.
- Letter of Understanding
- Two most recent, consecutive 2026 pay stubs from current employer

Other documentation:

- Waiver for Noncustodial Parent **required** for parents applying as the sole legal guardian (see waiver form for required documentation)

Tuition Assistance Application Steps

- Go to the Family Portal at <https://aid.ravennasolutions.com/apply>. Complete one Ravenna Financial Aid application even if you have several children applying to the same or different schools. Parents who are divorced, separated, or who have never married, must each complete an application – one per household.
- If you are new to Ravenna Financial Aid (formerly School and Student Services), you will create a username and password that will allow you to return to your application as often as needed. You will also be able to track the receipt of documents so you will know the status of your application. Previous SSS users should log on with the last established SSS username and password to assure that all information submitted in previous years remains tied to your Ravenna Financial Aid account.
- Consent to TaxStatus (IRS Integration). Park School requires TaxStatus consent to process your application. Applicants unable to provide TaxStatus consent should contact Park School Tuition Assistance Office for alternate instructions.
- Upload all required non-tax documents to Ravenna Financial Aid.
- If you have technical questions about applying online, use the in-system chat located in the lower-right corner of the Family Portal. An online agent can guide you through the steps or you can connect to a live agent for any additional questions.
- Please be advised that the application deadline for full consideration is **December 1**.

Any other questions should be directed to our office. Please call 410-339-4132 to schedule an appointment with the Director of Enrollment Management and Tuition Assistance.

Optional: Additional required Steps for Applicants to The Malone Scholar Program

Submit Malone Scholar supporting materials and Park admission applications by December 1:

- Malone Scholar application, essays, and Malone Scholar specific materials (unofficial transcripts, any available test results, and *optional* recommendations)
- **NOTE:** Malone Scholar applicants must also upload the Park School online admission application through their Ravenna Admission portal by **December 15**.

Notification of Tuition Assistance Outcomes

Notification of tuition assistance outcomes to **admission applicants** is included with decision letters available by the close of business day on February 18, 2027. 'Admission applicants' includes currently enrolled families with a child newly applying to Park, regardless of whether or not the family is already participating in the tuition assistance program. Families who accept Park funds must confirm the award by signing a Tuition Assistance Agreement. Grants are subject to review pending verification of 2026 Federal Income Tax materials.

Unless awaiting an admission decision for additional children, currently enrolled families already participating in the tuition assistance program will receive a tuition assistance grant letter during the re-enrollment period in January 2027.

Currently enrolled families who are newly applying to the Tuition Assistance Program are notified of funding decisions by the third week of March 2027.

Tuition Assistance Grant Confirmation

Tuition Assistance grants are not considered final until all required tax materials have been received and verified in the Ravenna Financial Aid portal.

We encourage families to file their 2026 federal taxes prior to April 1, 2027 to support a prompt IRS Integration process. All relevant financial data found on the 1040 tax return, schedules, W2 and/or 1099 forms will be automatically posted to Ravenna Financial Aid accounts by the IRS for all parents enrolled in TaxStatus. Families that plan to file a tax extension must notify the tuition assistance office by April 1, 2027. Those who are not enrolled in IRS Integration must upload the relevant documents to their account by April 1, 2027.



Optional Tuition Assistance Workshops

Tuition Assistance Webinar

Saturday, October 3 / 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Learn about Park School tuition assistance policies, deadlines, and scholar programs. Learn how your Ravenna Financial Aid information is used by Park to determine your potential grant award.

Note: *This program will be offered as a live webinar. Please refer to our website for registration information: www.parkschool.net/visit.*

“Get it Done!” Tuition Assistance Workshop

Saturday, November 7 / 9 a.m. – noon (timed sessions)

Reserve a time slot to attend this hands-on, in-person, event. Applicants to the tuition assistance program are invited to bring their documents and complete their Ravenna Financial Aid application in a friendly environment with the help of facilitators. Make the most of this working session by logging on to the Ravenna Financial Aid website and creating a 2027-28 Parent Portal prior to the workshop. Tuition Assistance staff will be available to answer questions, review in-process or completed applications, and help with the documentation upload process. Laptops will be available or participants may bring their own. Space is limited.

Note: *Please refer to our website for registration information: www.parkschool.net/visit.*

Drop-in Office Hours (virtual)

By appointment

Tuition assistance staff members are available for one-on-one “Check-ins.” These virtual sessions are designed for parents working on their tuition assistance application to ask a quick question or gain additional insight about the process. For a more extensive tuition affordability planning meeting or to discuss individual family circumstances, parents are encouraged to schedule a virtual appointment with the Director of Enrollment Management and Tuition Assistance.

Note: *For more information or to make an appointment, please contact our office at 410-339-4132.*



Frequently Asked Questions

Who receives tuition assistance?

Decisions about tuition assistance are determined by availability of funds and enrollment needs. The majority of our assistance budget is designated for re-enrolling students who currently receive tuition grants. However, a portion of the budget is reserved for new students and currently enrolled families who are facing unexpected and/or increased financial burden.

Should we apply for tuition assistance?

Independent school tuition represents a significant investment for any family. There is no specific income level at which a family no longer qualifies for tuition assistance. Although we would like to provide firm guidelines to help you decide whether to apply for assistance, we have found that each family's combination of circumstances is unique. The most helpful guideline comes from your own knowledge of your family's finances. A good rule of thumb is, if in doubt, apply.

If we pay full tuition initially, can we apply for tuition assistance in subsequent years?

It is important to understand that our program is budgeted on a multi-year basis according to current participation and planned new enrollment. Therefore, families enrolling at Park without the use of tuition assistance are expected to contribute at full tuition amounts in subsequent years. In the case of a change in family circumstances, families may apply for tuition assistance; however, funding may not be available to meet full demonstrated need. Every effort will be made to support the family's new financial situation and maintain student enrollment.

Does tuition assistance cover other school expenses?

Tuition assistance grants are calculated based on the full estimated cost of education. This means that typical school expenses like books, technology, and supplies have already been considered when calculating the family's out-of-pocket costs. However, all families receiving tuition assistance are eligible for assistance with mandatory school trips and up to three optional travel opportunities. Some families may also qualify for supplemental funding that supports fees, books, transportation, and after-school childcare. Please contact the Director of Enrollment Management and Tuition Assistance for more information regarding eligibility requirements.

Will support continue in future years?

If your circumstances do not change significantly, you can expect your percentage of tuition payments to remain about the same from year to year (allowing for annual tuition increases). In allocating our budget, priority for tuition assistance goes to returning students who currently receive grants. Each family's level of contribution is re-assessed each year to assure that we are meeting current demonstrated need. If a family's financial profile improves, they may be expected to pay an incrementally greater proportion of tuition. Likewise, if a family experiences a financial setback, their tuition balance may be adjusted to take their new circumstance into consideration.

What about separated, divorced, or never-married parents?

Park considers the income and assets of any adult who plays a significant role in a student's life. All adults (biological parents, step-parents, guardians, etc.) are required to submit all application material to Ravenna Financial Aid. Each household should submit a separate Ravenna Financial Aid application.

If we are applying for admission and my child is accepted, are we guaranteed some level of tuition assistance?

Unfortunately, Park School is not in the position to grant tuition assistance to every deserving candidate. And, because we commit to offering grants that meet full demonstrated need, we do not offer grants that fall short of that commitment to family affordability. When making grant decisions, we consider the needs of currently enrolled students, the school's enrollment goals, and the distribution of funds across grade levels. When demand exceeds our capacity to provide need-based funding, eligible students may be placed in a limited wait pool. In these cases, families will be considered for any additional funding that may become available over the course of the spring.

Does Park offer non need-based scholarships or merit awards?

Park School does not offer non-need based tuition assistance grants. For students who are eligible for need based tuition assistance, Park has a number of designated funds that also consider merit.

As a Malone Scholar school, we are fortunate to be able to recognize the talents of a select number of exceptionally gifted and motivated students who demonstrate financial need of 30% or more. The Malone Scholar designation is a need-based tuition assistance grant made possible through a \$2.5 million endowment grant from the Malone Family Foundation. Applicants considered for this honor must be U.S. citizens, place in the top five percent of their current class, and be entering grades 7, 8, 9, or 10 in the fall. Families interested in applying for the Malone Scholar Program must complete the Malone Scholar application and the tuition assistance application by December 1 and the Park School admission application by December 15.

In addition to the Malone Scholar program, Park School honors a select number of exceptional admission applicants with a need-based tuition assistance grant that carries with it a Scholar designation. These awards do not require a separate scholar application; students applying to the Upper School at Park are automatically considered for these Scholar designations and selected based on the merit of their admission material. Please contact the Director of Enrollment Management and Tuition Assistance for more information.

Can we appeal the grant amount if, after we review the tuition assistance offered, we still find we cannot pay tuition?

Yes. We invite families interested in a re-evaluation of their grant to submit a written request for an appeal. In some cases, we find that families have not included financial information that would have led to a higher level of support, and we are able to increase the grant. In other cases, the additional information does not result in a change. Many find it worthwhile to meet with the Director of Enrollment Management and Tuition Assistance to discuss their particular situation and the school's policies and procedures.

How can I get more information?

Your admission interview is the first place to have questions answered. You may also contact Mennette DuBose San-Lee, Director of Enrollment Management and Tuition Assistance, at tuitionassistance@parkschool.net or by phone at 410-339-4132.



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