



JACKSONVILLE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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JCDS Financial Aid Application Information

Each school year, Jacksonville Country Day School awards financial aid to assist parents in bridging the gap between their ability to pay and the total cost of educating a student. To qualify for this assistance, two conditions must be met:

1. Parents must complete the JCDS enrollment application process and receive a letter of acceptance from the school for their student(s).
2. Parents must substantiate their need for financial aid by completing the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) application process.

Parents who wish to apply for financial aid must follow the procedures outlined below:

Option 1: Parents may obtain a financial aid application packet from the Admissions Office or the Business Office. The application must be completed and submitted in a timely fashion to assure that the results will be returned to JCDS **prior to March 1**, annually.

Option 2: Parents may apply for financial aid via the Internet. Go to www.nais.org/financialaid/sss and follow the directions. *If, however, you choose to apply online, you must inform the JCDS Business Office or Admissions Director that you have done so.*

SSS will gladly assist you in completing your applications process in several ways:

- Telephone – SSS Helpline (866) 387-2601 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm, EST)
**Extended hours during January – March:
Mon - Friday: 9:00 am - 11:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm EST.**
- E-mail assistance: sssfinancialaid@ets.org
- Fax questions to: (609) 771-7750
- Go Online to www.nais.org/financialaid/sss for forms & worksheets

Parents must also provide the JCDS Business Office with a copy of their most recent income tax return (Form 1040) no later than March 1, annually. *All information provided will be kept confidential and reviewed only by the financial aid committee of the school.*

The JCDS financial aid committee will meet in March each year to determine financial aid allocations for the next school year. **ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED AT THAT TIME**; therefore, it is critical that the school receive your SSS report and Form 1040 by the March 1st deadline. Aid will be granted in the following priority order:

1. Returning families, currently receiving financial aid, who continue to qualify;
2. Returning families not on financial aid the past years that qualify;
3. New families who qualify.

After the financial aid committee has reviewed all applications, parents will receive a letter detailing the decision of the committee. If aid is awarded, the student's account will be credited with the amount awarded, based on the payment plan selected on the Enrollment Contract, on the subsequent billing statement.

If you have additional questions, please contact the school Business Office.

For your information, the general procedures outlined above are followed by all independent schools and both public and private colleges.

Financial aid for students at Jacksonville Country Day is awarded without regard to race, creed or national origin.