



Tuition Assistance Guidelines

Tuition assistance is need-based only and must be applied for annually. In order to be considered for tuition assistance, all applicants must:

- Be in good standing with the Business Office (re-enrolling families).
- Have returned their Enrollment Contract and deposit to the Business Office by the deadline.
- Adhere to all tuition assistance deadlines. You may call 610-601-4338 or email dgoggins@montgomeryschool.org to check on the status of your file.

Important Guidelines

Requested information is required of both parents, regardless of divorce, separation, or estrangement. We will not issue a grant unless we have the required information from both parents. If either parent fails to complete the tuition assistance application, the student's eligibility for aid will be in jeopardy. Consideration of the non-custodial parent will be based upon the belief that a parent's contribution for education is a reflection of the ability to pay, not the willingness to pay.

We realize applicants would like to receive as much assistance as possible. The Tuition Assistance Committee will determine what the school can offer.

The Tuition Assistance Committee does take into account certain lifestyle choices when determining assistance grants (e.g. club memberships, luxury cars, vacations, all real estate properties owned in addition to primary residence, and the employment of both parents). We believe that the student's family is primarily responsible for financing a private school education, and sacrifices need to be made.

The estimated family contribution (EFC) calculated by SSS serves only as an initial benchmark in determining aid. If multiple children attend tuition-charging schools (or universities), it's expected that the family will be applying for aid at all schools. If one parent is temporarily unemployed (and not disabled), we will review past years of employment history. If a grant is given the unemployed parent must continue to seek employment and keep the admissions office informed of their progress. Also, if a parent elects to return to school or change jobs, which results in a decrease in the family's financial resources, Montgomery can not underwrite this choice with greater financial

assistance. If one parent does not work by choice, Montgomery will impute an income to that parent if there are no young children at home.

Grants are annual. Families reapply each year that they seek assistance. If the family suffers dramatic financial setbacks, Montgomery will do everything it can to make it possible for the student to continue to attend. Alternately, if a family's financial situation improves greatly, the grant will be adjusted to reflect that gain.

Upon notification of your grant, you will be required to sign and return the revised reenrollment contract by a given deadline. If we do not receive this document by the given deadline, your grant will be forfeited and you will be responsible for the full tuition.

One appeal is allowed for special financial circumstances. All appeals must be in writing (no in-person or verbal appeals are allowed). The appeal must be specific concerning the special financial status and should consist of new information that has not yet been provided. The appeal decision of the Committee is final.

Please communicate solely with the Admissions Office regarding tuition assistance. We cannot speak with attorneys, accountants, or other third parties, and ask that you do not discuss your grant with coaches, teachers, or others. We keep your information strictly confidential, and request that you do the same.

If a student who received tuition assistance does not live up to the standards set forth in our Parent-Student Handbook, the grant may be forfeited.