



Bridge School

Financial Aid

2018-2019

Tuition: \$10,500

Bridge School proudly offers a scholarship program for qualifying families. About a third of our students receive some aid.

We approach our scholarship program with as much care and attention as we approach education. Our goal is to offer financial aid to as many students in need as possible. To meet this goal, our scholarships rarely exceed half of the annual tuition.

A financial aid application form is included later in this document.

Who Qualifies for Financial Aid?

We understand that each family's financial situation is unique. In keeping with the Bridge School belief that children should be treated as individuals, we consider each family's financial circumstance individually as well. Therefore, we do not have a rigid, fixed scale to determine how much financial aid a family might qualify to receive.

Our financial aid application offers a family the opportunity to tell us about their situation in order to help the financial aid committee make an appropriate offer.

Our Process

We ask families applying for assistance to submit our Financial Aid Application Form along with the general Admission Form. After a new student has applied and been accepted, parents sign a registration contract and pay a deposit. After the contract is in place, the Financial Aid application is sent to the committee for review. The deposit is refundable if the scholarship award does not meet need. Because circumstances can change, the Aid Application is filled out annually and submitted with a registration contract and deposit by current families seeking continued assistance.

The scholarship committee consists of experienced volunteers, some of whom are board members. All of the committee's activities are strictly confidential, and each family's name is blanked out in order to assure privacy. In rare circumstances, the committee will need to know the identity of a family in order to inform their decision. The committee members hold this information in strict confidence.

The committee reviews each application and determines the total amount of financial need for the pool of applicants. After a careful review of the applications and any follow-up inquiries with questions for clarity, the committee allocates the dollars in what they feel is the fairest manner. The committee then sends an award letter to each family. A family may communicate with the committee to respond to their award offer.

Offers are expected to remain confidential for both the Financial Aid committee and parents. The Mentor responsible for bookkeeping and financial matters is the only Bridge School staff member who knows the scholarship award.

Questions

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bridge School at 802-388-3498 or email to info@bridgeschoolvermont.org



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Bridge School does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion or disability in its admissions, scholarships and staffing.

Application Number
(For Staff Use)

APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS DUE BY March 19 Applications received after that date will be considered based on remaining funds available.

Please complete this form and attach copies of your W2's and all Federal Income Tax forms including schedules and supporting materials for both parents. Fill in all blanks—if the answer is zero, write "0" and if the question does not apply to you, write "N/A."

I/we request financial assistance for Bridge School student(s):

I/We declare that the information reported on this form, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief is true, correct, and complete. I/We understand that deliberately reporting false information could result in loss of scholarship award.

_____ **date** _____

_____ **date** _____

Family Information

Total number of children: _____

...attending Bridge School _____

...attending other private school/college _____

Marital status:

☐ Married/Partner ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Single

Comment _____

If not married, do you share living expenses with other individual(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, how much of your household expenses (rent, food, utilities, etc.) are paid by others (indicate dollar amount or %) _____





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Feel free to use back of this sheet or attach sheets to present additional information

More Information on Requests

Our goal is to offer financial aid to as many students in need as possible. However, as a small, non-profit school on a very tight budget, we have limited financial resources to allocate. Please note that in order to ensure that as many families can attend as possible, we rarely grant more than 40% of the tuition as a scholarship.

Request

We are unable to offer full scholarships. In view of your financial circumstances, and those of the school, how much financial assistance do you believe you need? Please be specific—indicate dollar amount per month.

Do you have any unusual expenses or circumstances which should be considered in order to obtain a fair estimate of your financial situation? Examples: employment related childcare, medical expenses, nursing home care or other support of your parents, legal fees, uninsured natural disasters, etc.

Do you expect or have you experienced a change in your work situation or income (either for the better or worse) which would not be reflected in last years tax figures?

The school will welcome any further statement you may care to make which may aid in determining the amount of financial aid that is appropriate for the school to grant.



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Income

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME from 1040

Remember to provide all forms plus W2's.

NON-TAXABLE INCOME

Untaxed payments to Retirement Fund

(401K, IRA, Keogh, etc.)

Child support.....

Money received from or paid on your behalf by others (relatives, Organizations, friends) for your and/or your children's living expenses.....

Housing, food, car, living allowances paid/ reimbursed by employer.....

Housing, food, car, living allowances paid/ reimbursed by self-employment

Veteran's benefits

Welfare benefits.....

Workers' compensation

Earned Income Credits

Other non-taxable income

TOTAL INCOME.....

If you do not own your home, what do you pay per month for rent?



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Assets

Cash and Checking accounts _____

Savings, CD's, Money Market, etc..... _____

Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, all other investments:

Total Assets _____

Real Estate	Year Purchased	Purchase Price	Current Market Value	Balance of Mortgage(s)	Equity
Residence					
Second Home					
Other					
Business					