



# Bridge School

## 2023-2024 Financial Aid Application

**Tuition: \$13,335**

**Current Students:**

**For contracts received before  
March 1:**

**Tuition: \$13,085**

Bridge School proudly offers a Financial Aid Program for qualifying families. About a third of our students receive some aid.

We approach our Financial Aid 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, which means that we do not offer full scholarships. To help us achieve our goal of supporting as many students as possible, our scholarships do not exceed 40% (\$5,334) of the annual tuition.

### **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 along with the school's application (for new students) or Registration Contract (for current students). After students have been accepted, parents sign a registration contract and pay a deposit. With a signed contract in place, the family's Financial Aid Application is sent to the committee for review. If the financial aid does not meet the family's need, the deposit can be refunded. Because a family's circumstances can change, the school requires that Financial Aid Applications be completed each year.

The Financial Aid Committee consists of experienced volunteers, some of whom are former board members and Bridge School parents. The committee's activities are strictly confidential. No identifying family information is included on the applications reviewed by the committee.

After a careful review of the applications and any follow-up inquiries with questions for clarity, the committee allocates the available scholarship funds, as determined by the Bridge School Board, based on demonstrated financial need.

Once scholarship amounts are determined, the school sends an award letter to each family. Any questions a family has can be communicated to the school and if necessary, the school will contact the committee for any further clarification or deliberation.

Offers are expected to remain confidential for both the Financial Aid Committee, parents receiving award offers and the staff member(s) responsible for bookkeeping and financial matters.

### **Questions**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bridge School at 802-349-1661 or email [office@bridgeschoolvermont.org](mailto:office@bridgeschoolvermont.org)



## APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS DUE BY MARCH 15.

Applications received after that date will be considered based on remaining funds available.

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.

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

### Required Documents:

(Please ensure all paperwork is complete and legible and that all required information is submitted)

1. Financial Aid Application
2. All pages of your most recent federal income tax return (for example: Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ)
3. Current W-2 Wage and Tax Statement forms or 1099 forms (if self employed)

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 student(s) :

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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 financial aid.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Household Information

Total number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

\*currently attending Bridge School \_\_\_\_\_

\*attending or anticipated to be attending other private school/college \_\_\_\_\_

How many individuals live in your household?(including yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

How many of them are financially supported by you?  
(including yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

# Request

In view of your financial circumstances, and those of the school, how much financial assistance do you believe you need for this coming school year? Please indicate a total dollar amount. If requesting aid for more than one child, please provide the total annual amount you seek for your children.

**I am requesting a total annual amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_(#) of children.**

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, homecare or other support of parents or other family members, legal fees, uninsured natural disasters, other tuition expenses, etc.

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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 year's tax figures?

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Please share any other additional information you feel would help the Financial Aid Committee understand your circumstances as they consider your request for financial aid.

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# Financial Information

## Income

(Please include annual dollar amounts)

**Adjusted Gross Income from your federal tax return**  
(line on Form 1040 for example).....

**Money received from or paid on your behalf for your child's living or educational expenses (such as child support or other payments from individuals, an employer, etc.)**

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**Federal or state benefits, including:**

Rental/housing assistance.....

Food assistance.....

COVID relief payments.....

Social Security (SSI or SSDI).....

Veteran's benefits.....

Other.....

**Worker's Compensation**.....

**Other Income (from rental property, other business, etc.)**  
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## Assets

**Current value of cash, checking and savings accounts**.....

**Current value of all other non-retirement accounts or investments (do not include Section 529 plan contributions or balances)**.....

**Family Residence:**

Do you own \_\_\_\_\_ or rent \_\_\_\_\_ your home?

If owned, what is the current market value?.....

What is your monthly payment (rent or mortgage)?  
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**Other real estate owned (second home or investment property):**

What is the current market value?.....

What is your monthly mortgage, if any?.....

(any income received from this property should be reflected in the **Income** section above)

