

Rio Grande School
Financial Assistance Information Packet
School Year 2019-2020

Dear Parent,

We are very pleased to offer tuition assistance to families in order to serve our community and further our goal of bringing more economic diversity to RGS. It is that time of the year that families need to begin thinking about the process and start collecting the necessary information to apply for assistance. Please read this letter carefully, and note the important deadlines.

As you know, tuition assistance is awarded based on a family's ability to pay and is not a loan. It is expected that both parents will be financially responsible for their child's education regardless of their marital status. In addition to a personal statement we ask families to submit their financial profile to School and Student Services (SSS), a third-party organization serving independent school families throughout the country. They compile and analyze your financial profile and submit an estimate of what you can afford for tuition to RGS. The RGS Tuition Assistance Committee reviews that information and determines awards to families.

To be eligible for tuition assistance, please complete the following steps by the deadline of February 9, 2019.

1. Complete the Rio Grande School Tuition Assistance Application, Personal Statement, and Tuition Assistance Agreement for the 2019-20 school year and return it to the school's business office.
2. Each parent should complete the SSS Parents' Financial Statement for the Academic Year 2019-20. You may apply online at www.nais.org/financialassistance/sss. Use the school's code (6038), and pay the nonrefundable fee of \$51 with a credit card.
3. Submit a copy of your joint, or both separate individual, 2017 Federal income tax returns to Rio Grande School (first time applicants only).
4. Submit a copy of your joint, or both separate individual, 2018 Federal income tax returns as soon as possible, but no later than April 15, 2019 to Rio Grande School.

While requests for tuition assistance will be considered after February 9, 2019, the pool of assistance may be depleted. All tuition assistance awards are confidential. If you have any questions regarding tuition assistance or the awards process, you may directly contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard Virgin
Director of Finance & Operations

Rio Grande School
Tuition Assistance Application-School Year 2019-20
Data Form

Name of parent(s) and/or guardian(s) applying for Tuition Assistance:

Parent / Guardian: _____ Parent / Guardian: _____
Addr: _____ Addr: _____
City, State & Zip: _____ City, State & Zip: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Name(s) of child(ren) you are applying for Tuition Assistance, and the grade each child will be in during the 2019-2020 school year:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Amount of Assistance requested: _____
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Name(s) of child(ren) in family, ages, have they attended Rio Grande and when?:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Attended RGS?: _____ When? _____
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Personal Statement

The Personal statement is a significant aspect of every application. Please type and submit a maximum one-page statement to address your need for tuition assistance and anything else you wish the school to consider. Please be candid and include any information that you believe would give RGS a better understanding of your situation and the need for tuition assistance. The tuition assistance committee members will be the only persons at the school to read your statement.

Rio Grande School
Tuition Assistance Agreement- School Year 2019-20

I have received a Tuition Assistance application for the 2019-20 school year at Rio Grande School, Inc., ("Rio Grande"). I understand that the completed application must be returned to Rio Grande as soon as possible, on or before February 12, 2019*. Further, I understand that if my application is not complete (including information from both parents) it may jeopardize the opportunity for my child to receive Tuition Assistance. In the event that my child(ren) does/does not receive Tuition Assistance, I understand I will be responsible for the remaining balance of the tuition and fees if I choose to have my child(ren) attend Rio Grande.

Parent and/or Guardian

Date

Parent and/or Guardian

Date

(Signatures of all responsible parties are required.)

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