



## TUITION ASSISTANCE DISCOUNT (TAD)

To increase The Grosse Pointe Academy's accessibility and affordability, a pool of funds has been established that will allow the school to apply tuition discounts of up to \$5,000 per student for families that would otherwise find it extremely difficult to send their child(ren) to The Grosse Pointe Academy.

To apply, a family should turn in the attached brief application, and a signed copy of pages one and two of their 2009 1040 form. The application deadline is February 26, 2010. Any additional information required must be provided by April 15, 2010.

Income is calculated as the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) as reported on line 37 of the 2009 1040 tax form.

### **Guidelines for TAD Tuition Discounts**

You might qualify for up to \$5,000 per K-Grade 8 student TAD tuition discount if you have few assets and your ***AGI as reported on your 2009 1040 tax form is less than \$250,000.***

These limits are calculated based on national standards for tuition accessibility in independent schools, adjusted to reflect the cost of living in the Southeastern Michigan area. TAD is designed to assist families who have no other sources of financial assistance. A typical scenario would be a family with two income-earning parents, that has limited financial strength and few assets.

You may be requested to submit additional financial information such as family assets, household budgets, sibling tuition or self-employment income. All of each student's living parents must submit an application.

If you have special circumstances that do not fall within these limits but would still like to apply for the TAD, please contact Angie Boyle in the Academy's Business Office.

If your income is substantially below these limits or you have circumstances in which you would like to request aid in excess of what TAD provides, you may wish to consider applying for our traditional Tuition Assistance. Applications for traditional Tuition Assistance are due by February 26, 2010. **Applications for this program will not be accepted after February 26, 2010.**

*If you have any questions about The Grosse Pointe Academy's tuition, the Tuition Assistance Discount or our traditional Tuition Assistance, please contact Angie Boyle, [aboyle@qpacademy.org](mailto:aboyle@qpacademy.org), 313.886.1221, ext 142.*



**TUITION ASSISTANCE DISCOUNT(TAD)  
Checklist and Timeline**

- ❑ **By February 26, 2010:** TAD application and copy of top two pages of 2009 1040 tax return must be received by The Grosse Pointe Academy Business Office (if 1040 is not completed, you may submit a copy of W-2's, 1099's and documentation for other sources of income until the 1040 is completed – your discount will be determined pending receipt of 1040).
- ❑ **By April 1, 2010:** TAD acceptance forms mailed.
- ❑ **By April 9, 2010:** TAD acceptance forms and re-enrollment contracts must be signed and returned to the Business Office. **Awards not accepted as of this date will be considered forfeited and available to other applicants.** Additionally, failure to submit re-enrollment contract and deposit as of this date will result in forfeiture of the award.
- ❑ **By April 15, 2010:** The Grosse Pointe Academy may request additional information. If additional information is requested, it is due April 15, 2010. Additional information might include:
  - Evidence of tuition paid to other schools
  - Information about your monthly budget and cash flows
  - A balance sheet showing all of your assets and liabilities
  - Pages one and two of Form 1040 (if it was unavailable with the submission of the TAD application)
  - Additional schedules from your 2009 tax forms
  - Evidence as to why parties that have historically paid tuition, such as grandparents, can no longer do so
  - TAD application from the student's other parent if parents do not live together



**TUITION ASSISTANCE DISCOUNT (TAD)  
2010/2011 APPLICATION FORM**

**Each household should fill out this form.**

Name of Academy Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade of student(s) in Fall 2010: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent submitting application: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for this household:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Award you are requesting (up to \$5,000): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign the following and send to The Grosse Pointe Academy Business Office by February 26, 2010. Please attach a signed copy of the top two pages of your 2009 1040 tax form:**

I represent that this award is essential to my child(ren)'s continued enrollment at The Grosse Pointe Academy, and that my application represents genuine financial need. I do not have access to any other funds to pay tuition.

The information I have provided to The Grosse Pointe Academy is true and accurate. If the Academy requests additional information, I will provide it.

I understand that an award is contingent on the submission of financial information from all parents.

I understand that my participation, at any level, in The Grosse Pointe Academy Annual Fund is vitally important to The Grosse Pointe Academy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **TUITION ASSISTANCE DISCOUNT (TAD) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### ***If I qualify for TAD this year, can I count on it in future years?***

TAD amounts are determined on an annual basis and the application must be completed on an annual basis. If your financial situation does not change, or if you have less financial stability in subsequent years, the Academy will strive to continue to meet your need.

### ***How are TAD decisions made? What factors go into the decision beyond AGI?***

The Tuition Assistance Committee determines criteria and grants discounts based on eligibility as outlined above. The committee will also factor in the number of children enrolled in tuition paying schools, a change in job situation or any other special circumstances. Additionally, applicants with a past due or unpaid balance will not be considered. If you have special circumstances, you should communicate those to Angie Boyle, Director of Finance and Operations.

### ***Are TAD recipients kept confidential?***

All recipients of Tuition Assistance Discounts remain confidential. Additionally, all financial information submitted by parents is held in strict confidence by the committee and is filed securely and separately from other school documents.

### ***I would not normally qualify for TAD but the current economy has caused financial hardship that is not reflected on my 2009 tax form, should I apply?***

If your AGI as reported on your 2008 1040 tax form does not accurately represent what your 2010 income will be, please contact Angie Boyle at (313) 886-1221 ext. 142 to determine if you are eligible for TAD.

### ***How much information will I be required to submit?***

You will be required to submit the one page application (an application must be submitted by each living parent) and the first two pages of your 2009 1040 tax form. If you have special circumstances, you may need to submit additional information substantiating the special circumstance. You may be requested to submit additional information such as sibling tuition, self employment income or household assets.

### ***How is TAD applied?***

Once we receive your acceptance letter, signed re-enrollment contract and deposit, the discount will be applied against your total tuition and your payment arrangements will be determined based on your net amount due.

### ***What if I do not submit my information by the deadlines?***

Funds under TAD are limited. Discounts will be awarded first to those applicants who meet the eligibility and deadlines. In the event there is additional funds, discounts will be awarded to those late applicants. It is in your best interest to meet all deadlines indicated above.

### ***What if I need more than \$5,000 per child?***

The Tuition Assistance Discount is for an amount up to \$5,000. If you will require more assistance than the TAD allows, you should apply for the traditional Tuition Assistance Program.

