



### **TRADITIONAL TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)**

The Grosse Pointe Academy supports a strong, diverse student body that values both socio-economic and cultural diversity. Our “traditional” Tuition Assistance program exists so applicants who demonstrate need, as computed by nationally accepted formulas, maybe able to attend the Academy.

The Academy has contracted with a third party, FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment to process Tuition Assistance applications. FACTS will supply the Academy with their Applicant Financial Summary suggesting “calculated family need”. These calculations are presented to the Tuition Assistance Committee. The committee determines the amount of aid to be given for that year.

To apply, a family should complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment application. Applications can be obtained in the Academy Business Office or applications can be completed online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). The application deadline is February 26, 2010.

#### **Guidelines for Tuition Assistance**

Our traditional Tuition Assistance Program offers awards ranging from a few hundred dollars to nearly full tuition. Full awards are not offered as parents are expected to contribute some monetary value towards tuition.

The granting of tuition assistance awards will be guided by the following priorities:

1. Students presently enrolled and receiving tuition assistance
2. Students presently enrolled, not receiving tuition assistance, who require tuition assistance in order to continue their enrollment
3. New students who are siblings of current Grosse Pointe Academy students who are receiving tuition assistance
4. New students applying and enrolled in The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Tuition assistance is granted to those in Grade K-8, with priority given to those in Grades 4-8.

Decisions on tuition assistance are made by the Tuition Assistance Committee, which consists of the Director of Admissions, the Director of Finance and Operations, the Head of School, the Middle School Principal and the Lower School Principal.

The Tuition Assistance Committee provides direction and oversight to the development and administration of the school’s tuition assistance practices and policies. This committee works closely with the Admissions Office and the Business Office in an effort to balance the need for tuition assistance with the economic health of the school. Financial information submitted by parents is held in strict confidence by the committee and is filed securely and separately from other school documents.

#### **Remember...**

***New students must be accepted for admission to be eligible for assistance***

***Returning students must apply each year***

***Divorced, separated or never married parents must both submit an application.***



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CHECKLIST AND TIMELINE**

- ❑ **January:** Letters are sent to current families receiving tuition assistance for their intent to apply for tuition assistance. These families will also receive the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment packet with this mailing.
- ❑ **By February 26, 2010:** Intent to apply should be communicated to the Business Office and FACTS Grant and Aid application should be submitted online or by mail.
- ❑ **By April 1, 2010:** Tuition Assistance Awards mailed. Families who do not qualify for aid will receive a letter informing them that they do not qualify.
- ❑ **By April 9, 2010:** Tuition Assistance 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:** If you haven't already done so, families should mail all federal and state income tax returns and all applicable schedules supporting their application to the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment. Tuition assistance is awarded pending the final submittal of these documents.



## TRADITIONAL TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

Tuition Assistance awards 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.

### ***Are Tuition Assistance recipients kept confidential?***

All recipients of Tuition Assistance 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.

### ***Will I qualify for Tuition Assistance?***

Every family's situation is different and each family is considered individually based on all available information. Therefore, it is important that you submit information completely, promptly and accurately. There are no "cut-off" levels of income or assets that disqualify a family from receiving aid. The Academy is committed to maintaining socio-economic diversity and including families that might be considered "middle income". Families with multiple students in tuition paying schools typically receive more assistance.

### ***I would not normally qualify for Tuition Assistance (or have not previously applied) but due to the current economy, my situation has changed. Can I apply now?***

Yes. Every year all new and renewal applications are considered individually so that the Academy's resources can be allocated wisely. Returning families are encouraged to apply if their financial situation has changed.

### ***How much Tuition Assistance is granted to a typical family?***

There is no "typical" award. Awards range from a few hundred dollars to nearly full tuition. A full tuition is not given. Families are expected to contribute to their child(ren)'s tuition to the extent possible.

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

Tuition assistance applicants who do not adhere to the deadlines above may still qualify for assistance in which case, the applicant will be put on a waiting list for tuition assistance. Should any funds remain or become available after the first round of decisions are made, students on the waiting list will be notified. Families applying for tuition assistance after the deadline dates risk not receiving aid for the upcoming year.

### ***What if I am behind on my current tuition balance?***

Tuition assistance will not be awarded to any families with an unpaid or overdue balance. Payment arrangements must be made with the Business Office. Tuition assistance applicants who have an unpaid or overdue balance may qualify for assistance once the balance is paid in full. If the balance remains unpaid as of the deadline above, the applicant will be put on a waiting list for tuition assistance after the balance is paid. Should any funds remain or become available, students on the waiting list will be notified. Families with an unpaid or overdue balance run the risk of not receiving aid for the upcoming year if the balance is not paid by the deadlines above.

### ***What if I do not qualify for Tuition Assistance at the Academy?***

The Academy has a 10 month payment plan (to be paid May – February) which may be of assistance. Also, there are K-12 education loans available to Academy students that offer repayment terms of 18-84 months. If you are interested in one of these loans, visit the website [www.yourtutionsolutions.com](http://www.yourtutionsolutions.com). The Academy does not endorse this lender.

