# **Tuition Assistance FAQ**



### What type of assistance is available?

Our tuition assistance packages are grants, which do not need to be repaid. They are determined based only on a family's demonstrated need and not upon merit.

#### What is "demonstrated need?"

"Demonstrated need" is the difference between the cost of attending Groves and the amount a family can afford to pay, as determined by Groves's third party tuition assistance evaluation.

## How do I apply for tuition assistance?

Tuition Assistance applications are completed through TADS (Tuition Aid Data Services), a third-party organization that collects and audits financial information. More information about how to apply will be shared by our Financial Aid Coordinator before a student visit day or at the beginning of the re-enrollment cycle.

### When do I apply for tuition assistance?

New Enrollee Families: Families are invited to apply for tuition assistance after the admissions committee has reviewed the application and has determined that the applicant is going to be offered a visit day.

Re-enrolling Families: Information regarding applying for tuition assistance will be communicated to families just before the re-enrollment process begins, typically in December or January.

### What is the deadline for applying for tuition assistance?

We encourage families to apply as soon as they are invited. Applications are processed on a rolling basis and awards are made until all funds have been exhausted.

# What effect does a tuition assistance application have on a student's admissions application?

None. The admissions committee does not access a family's financial assistance information as a part of the application review and admissions process.

### When will I receive a decision regarding tuition assistance?

Financial assistance decisions are communicated at the same time as admissions decisions.

### Do I have to re-apply for tuition assistance each year?

Yes. Because a family's financial circumstances are subject to change, families are required to re-apply for financial assistance every year. However, if a family's financial profile remains relatively similar year to year, a family can expect to pay the same percentage of tuition each year.

### What if I am separated or divorced?

Families may choose if they would like to apply as one household or two separate households.

### Who has access to my financial information?

Tuition assistance applications are reviewed only by the tuition assistance committee. All information is secure and held in strict confidence.

### Where do the tuition assistance and scholarship money come from?

The Groves Academy advancement department raises funds on an annual basis to support the Scholarship Fund. Fundraising activities include mailings, sponsorships, events, and more. To find out more information or to get involved in inspiring brilliance in students please contact the advancement staff.