



Financial Assistance Programs

Valwood is committed to breaking down the barrier created by affordability. In an effort to open our doors to more families, we offer a financial assistance program that includes two main categories in which a student may qualify.

The first category is a Need Based Financial Assistance. In this category we offer several programs targeting different income levels in an effort to increase affordability. These awards are described in more detail below. **For all of these assistance programs, filing a Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) with School and Student Services (SSS) is required.** Once the PFS is received, the financial assistance office will determine which program a family is qualified for in order to best meet their needs. All need based financial assistance awards are for one year. Families will reapply through SSS each year during re-enrollment.

The second category is a scholarship based on academic merit and performance. With these awards, the income of the family is not taken into consideration; therefore filing with SSS is not required.

Need Based Financial Assistance:

- **General Financial Aid** – This program is designed to help meet the needs of families whose income generally falls below \$85,000 per year. This program can award up to 75% of tuition. The amount of the award for a family will depend on both the income and expenses within the family as well as the number of students enrolled in a tuition charging school and will also depend on the availability of funds within the school's budget. Returning families are given first priority to reapply each year. (Generally awarded 6th – 12th grade.)
- **Tuition Tax Credit Scholarship Program HB133 (GOAL)** – This new Georgia Tax Credit funded scholarship also helps meet the needs of families whose income falls below \$85,000 per year. This award goes to qualified families whose child is transferring from a Georgia Public School. The child must have been enrolled in and currently attending a public school at the time of applying for admission to Valwood. A child who is a qualified Kindergarten student is eligible, regardless of where they attended the previous year. This award depends on both the income and expenses within the family as well as the size of the family. The amount of the GOAL award also depends on availability of funds for the school during any given year. (Kindergarten and up.)
- **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** –TAP seeks to provide tuition assistance to middle class families to enable them to enroll their children at the school. Each qualifying student, under this program will receive an annual award of \$1000 to help defray tuition cost; the second child in a TAP family receives \$1000 plus a small additional award; three children or more qualify for \$1000 plus our multiple child discount. Families with combined annual adjusted gross incomes from \$85,000 to \$150,000 are encouraged to apply. (Kindergarten and up.)

Academic Merit Scholarships:

- **Betty Googe Merit Scholarship** – This scholarship is awarded to incoming students, generally in the Middle and Upper School grades who have demonstrated high academic achievement and strong character. The scholarship provides for 50% of the student's tuition. This scholarship continues through graduation as long as the student demonstrates a continued commitment to high achievement and integrity. Students who qualify for this scholarship are invited to apply by Valwood, once their application for enrollment has been received and reviewed.

In accordance with GISA rules, Valwood does not award in Athletic Scholarships.