



Giving Parents a Choice • Giving Children a Chance

The BASIC Fund is a privately funded program dedicated to broadening the educational opportunities for children by helping low-income families afford the cost of tuition at private schools.

Currently, The BASIC Fund supports more than 5,000 students in 300 schools throughout Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma Counties.

This program is intended as a "Helping Hand" for children enrolling into a private school for the first time. The BASIC Fund forms a partnership with parents in the education of their children and expects parents to be actively involved with the schools and their children.

In the Fall of 2010, The BASIC Fund will offer scholarships to students entering kindergarten through eighth grades. Grant amounts are based on household size and income.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,600 ANNUALLY PER CHILD.

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Do I Qualify?

You qualify for tuition assistance if you meet ALL of the following requirements:

1. Your child will attend a registered private school in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano or Sonoma Counties in the Fall of 2010;
2. *At least one child is attending private school for the first time;*
3. Your child meets all academic and other admissions requirements of that school;
4. Your child will be entering K-8th grade;
5. Your family meets the income eligibility guidelines outlined below:

Household Size	Maximum Annual Household Income		
	25% of Tuition	50% of Tuition	75% of Tuition
2	\$38,103	\$27,849	\$18,065
3	\$47,896	\$33,901	\$21,110
4	\$57,600	\$40,456	\$24,155
5	\$67,304	\$47,010	\$27,200
6	\$77,008	\$53,564	\$30,245

For information for family of 7 and above please call us
Household Size includes you, your spouse (if living at the same address) and all other family members living at your address for which you claim financial responsibility on your federal tax form.
Household Income includes the total gross income of all household members.

How Does Tuition Assistance Work?

Complete applications with eligible financial documentation will be awarded according to the priority deadlines indicated on this application. Awards will be made until funds for our 2010 Program are exhausted, so the earlier your application and financial documents are received, the better chance of receiving a scholarship. The grant will be awarded for a minimum of four (4) years provided:

1. Your child gains admission to an eligible school;
2. Your family remains financially eligible;
3. Your family keeps up with its portion of the tuition payments to the school;
4. You pay the minimum of at least \$500 or more for each school year.
5. Your child is in grades K – 8th.

The **BASIC Fund** scholarships will be based on household size and income. Scholarships usually cover 25%, 50%, or 75% of a school's tuition.

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Once we receive confirmation that your child is enrolled at the school, **The BASIC Fund** will pay the school directly on your family's behalf. We will make our payment in two installments: half in October, and the balance in February.

*Should a student accept a **BASIC Fund** Scholarship, the student cannot also receive tuition assistance from Guardsmen, FACE, CEO-Oakland, or Making Waves. School based Financial Aid is acceptable.*

How Do I Apply?

Step One Refer to the chart to see if your family qualifies financially.

Step Two Complete the application attached to this information sheet (add a separate page for additional children). Please send along with your completed application a copy of your financial documentation. Attach all of the following financial documents that are applicable (required): 2009 Federal Tax Return (Form 1040), Cal Works (current), Social Security (current), Disability (current), Worker's Compensation (current), Retirement Benefits (current), Foster Care (current), or Unemployment (current).

Please note: *The BASIC Fund may request additional information when necessary. W-2 forms and/or employment pay stubs are NOT accepted as primary financial documentation.*

Step Three If your family qualifies to receive tuition assistance and your child is awarded a scholarship, you will be notified by mail.

Mail your application to:

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The BASIC Fund provides equal opportunity to all applicants without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or national origin.

