



Emergency Need-Based Financial Aid Fund Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for emergency need-based financial aid?

This application is open to all families enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year who have been deeply impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, qualifying for financial aid does NOT guarantee a grant given the emergency funds are limited.

What does emergency need-based financial aid cover?

This grant covers a percentage of tuition costs.

How much is a typical emergency grant?

Emergency need-based financial aid grants vary in amounts and take into consideration additional factors including, but not limited to, time of lost income anticipated, cost of living, home equity, other income, number of children in tuition-charging institutions, payments to pension and retirement plans, discretionary spending, and student assets.

How long does it take to complete the PFS?

We recommend setting aside 2-3 hours to complete the application. You may start, save, and return to the application at any time.

What is the policy regarding parents who live in separate households?

We expect both parents to financially support their child's education, which requires both households to complete the PFS and submit tax returns. If either parent has remarried, the spouse's contributions will also be taken into consideration.

How are stay-at-home parents considered when applying for need-based financial aid?

In the interest of equity, if one parent elects to stay at home and not seek employment, the Financial Aid Committee will impute a basic income for the non-working parent. Exceptions are made for parents that are caring for a non-school age child or an elderly parent.

Who should I contact for additional questions?

If you have specific questions that is not addressed above please contact Joy Buzzard, Director of Finance and Operations at 804.266.2494 x2211, or jbuzzard@tncs.org.