



Worthy Student Fund Guidelines

1. Purpose

The OAKS Worthy Student fund exists to make OAKS accessible to families who are unable to pay full tuition. It is designed to support **mission-fit students** while ensuring that funds are distributed fairly and responsibly.

2. Eligibility

Families must meet the following criteria to apply:

- Have a child currently enrolled or accepted for enrollment at the school.
- Demonstrate genuine financial need through the requested documentation.
- Be in good standing with the school (no unresolved discipline or payment issues).
- Agree to actively participate in their child's education (attend parent-teacher meetings, school events, etc.).

3. Application Process

- **Application Form:**
 - Although there is no deadline for applying for assistance, funds are given on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Requested Documentation:**
 - Explanation of circumstances (medical bills, job loss, etc.)
- **Review Process:**
 - The OAKS Finance Committee reviews all applications confidentially.

4. Award Amounts

- Families may receive up to a maximum percentage of tuition to ensure shared responsibility.
 - Special hardship cases may be considered individually.

5. Prioritization

If funds are limited, priority is given in this order:

- Returning students already receiving assistance
- New students from active, participating families in the school community
- New applicants from outside the school community

6. Expectations for Families

- Maintain consistent attendance and positive behavior.
- Communicate promptly if financial circumstances change.
- Support school activities and volunteer when possible.
- Families can receive additional funds by participating in the PFE program.

7. Confidentiality

All financial information and decisions are kept strictly confidential to protect the dignity of families.

8. Renewal & Review

- Scholarships are not automatically renewed. Families must reapply each year.
- The committee reviews the family's need annually to ensure funds are still needed.

9. Funding & Sustainability

- Scholarships are funded by donations, fundraising events, and school-designated funds.
- The board may adjust available funds each year.