



# Financial Aid Guidelines

## Statement of Purpose

Central to Holland Hall's tuition-assistance policy is the belief that the student's family is primarily responsible for supporting the cost of attendance. At the same time, Holland Hall is committed to enrolling an academically strong, talented, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse student body to provide a comprehensive educational experience; therefore, we seek to provide need-based tuition assistance to families who otherwise could not afford to enroll their children at the school.

## How a Family's Contribution is Determined

All contributions are guided by the School and Clarity Tuition's assessment. This assessment includes the major factors affecting financial need, including the family's net income and assets, the number of dependents in the household, and the number of children attending tuition-charging schools and colleges. Allowances are made for certain taxes, medical costs, and unusual expenses, as well as other adjustments which are recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. Financial assistance required is determined by subtracting from the total educational expenses the amount of money a family can contribute based on the above criteria.

## Policy

- » Admission decisions are made regardless of a family's ability to pay for tuition and additional expenses. Thus, admission to Holland Hall is need-blind.
- » Holland Hall does not discriminate in the administration of its financial aid policies due to race, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, age, or sexual orientation.
- » Holland Hall maintains confidentiality and expects the same of parents and guardians. A breach of confidentiality may result in the withdrawal of a financial aid award.
- » Priority for financial aid awards is given to faculty and staff students and re-enrolling students if the requisite information is completed in the timeframe communicated by the admission office.
- » Other groups, such as siblings, alumni students, students of Episcopal clergy, students of underrepresented racial, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds, or unique talents that balance grade level needs, are also prioritized.
- » The Financial Aid Committee – Reviews all applicants and determines awards based on the Clarity Tuition criteria in conjunction with school budget considerations. The Financial Aid Committee exercises discretion in evaluating applications and making awards to achieve the school's overall enrollment goals. If the total financial aid need exceeds available funds, applicants will be considered in the following order:
  - » Current financial aid recipients
  - » Current students new to financial aid/families applying for financial aid for the first time
  - » New students
  - » Current financial aid recipients needing a significant increase in the award
- » Wait pool – Students who are accepted for admission but do not receive financial aid awards due to insufficient funding.
- » If a family believes the financial aid awarded is insufficient to meet its needs, they may file an appeal application to the Assistant Head of School for Enrollment Management to be reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee.

## Special Circumstances

- » Divorce/separation or step-parents
  - » In divorce, separation, or re-marriage cases, both custodial parents or legal guardians must complete the tuition assistance process and file separate applications. If only one parent is financially responsible, a copy of legal documentation stipulating the parameters must be provided to the school.
- » Grandparents
  - » Holland Hall must consider all resources available to pay school costs in the spirit of fairness, equity, and good stewardship of financial aid dollars. In the final analysis, schools must determine the best “family contribution,” not stopping at the “parents’ contribution” when there is evidence of additional resources available.
- » Unemployed
  - » The school must determine whether the parent(s) can reasonably contribute to the tuition amount, less the Financial Aid award. If other family members contribute, the school is obligated to collect the information of all parties who give towards the total cost.
- » Business owners/retirees or people with disabilities
  - » May be asked for additional information to assess their ability to contribute.

## Applying for Financial Aid

Requesting families adhere to all stated deadlines and policies of Holland Hall and Clarity Tuition, and families must reapply each year.

## Tuition Assistance Dates and Timeframes

### RE-ENROLLING FAMILIES

- » Clarity Tuition opens August 1st, 2025
  - » The deadline for submission is November 15.
  - » Faculty member submission deadline is November 1.
- » Clarity Tuition application completed
  - » Tax information is pulled directly from your IRS filing; you do not need to upload additional documentation (unless your financial circumstances prompt the request for additional verification)
- » Please notify the admission office if you are filing an extension
- » Decisions are communicated by the end of March if all documents are uploaded

### PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

- » Clarity Tuition opens August 1
- » The deadline for priority consideration is December 1
- » Clarity Tuition application completed
  - » Tax information is pulled directly from your IRS filing; you do not need to upload additional documentation (unless your financial circumstances prompt the request for additional verification)
- » Decisions are communicated by the end of March if all documents are uploaded

## Family Support contact information

All available in English and Spanish; the application itself is also fully translated into Spanish using the drop-down in the lower left corner.

- » In-app support through the “Help” button in the lower left corner
- » Email support at [support@claritytuition.com](mailto:support@claritytuition.com)
- » Phone support at (206) 210-3752

*Holland Hall retains the right to change these guidelines or policies at any time at its sole discretion without notification thereof.*

*Non-Discrimination Statement. Holland Hall provides equal opportunity in education and employment for all qualified persons without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, military status, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by applicable state or federal laws, except where a bona fide occupational qualification applies. Holland Hall does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.*