

# WELCOME FROM THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE!

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## OCTOBER FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP REVIEW

For the sixth consecutive year, Ridgefield Academy has partnered with SSS to help with a parent-education program entitled “How to Apply for Financial Aid”.

All current families receiving tuition assistance and all prospective families indicating they are planning to apply for tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year are invited to access clips if you would like:  
<https://www.solutionsbysss.com/parents/apply/parent-webinars/>.

A brief presentation helps guide parents through the aid application process, including an introduction to this year’s 2023-2024 Parents Financial Statement (PFS), and provides some helpful hints to parents applying for aid.

“I think it is really helpful for parents to learn more about the aid process,” Director of Enrollment Dave Suter notes. Using the vast School and Student Services (SSS) resources, families become aware there are steps that they need to take now in order to complete their aid application in a timely fashion.

“The process is de-mystified for me, personally,” one parent says. “I learned how important it is to get things in before the deadline, and I learned how important open lines of communication are between our family and the school on this topic.”

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## KEY UPCOMING DATES

### JANUARY 15

Is the deadline for PFS submission for 2023-2024 (all applications received after this date are subject to availability)

### JANUARY 15

Is the deadline for 2021 1040's and 2022 W-2 submission to provisionally complete files

**THE TIME IS NOW TO BEGIN THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS FOR 2023-24. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THE PROCESS, LET US KNOW!**

## FA WORKSHOP (CONT'D)

It is highly valuable for parents to be able to ask questions which are important to them individually, and learn more about the constantly evolving world of private school tuition assistance, so please use the contact page if you need help.

There is plenty of information available on the Ridgefield Academy website as well as solutions by SSS.



*www.solutionsbysss.com is a valuable online resource to aid you in your application process.*

## FINANCIAL AID AT RA & LP: Q & A

*Q: What is the deadline to apply for aid for the 2023-2024 school year?*

*A:* January 15, 2023 is the due date for completing the PFS to be considered for the first round of aid awards; applications completed after that date will be subject to a rolling, or funds available, evaluation.

*Q: What other forms do I have to submit to have a completed file?*

*A:* Families must submit 2021 & 2022 1040's & W-2's, at least, in addition to their PFS. These can be uploaded to the SSS website.

*Q: What happens if I don't submit the forms on time?*

*A:* Late applications will not be eligible for the first round of aid decisions and will be subject to a rolling, or funds available, evaluation.

*Q: Do you have more information for me to learn about all of this?*

*A:* Yes! Please see <https://www.ridgefieldacademy.org/admission/tuition-tuition-assistance>

## DID YOU KNOW...



**\$2 MILLION**

granted in tuition assistance  
granted for the 2022-2023  
school year



**\$18,701**

average need-based award  
for the 2022-2023 school  
year



**22%**

of the student body at  
Landmark Preschool & RA  
receives tuition assistance



**> 2,100**

schools use SSS to help with  
tuition assistance



**> 160,000**

families work through SSS  
each year to receive tuition  
assistance



**> 1**

families may have more than  
one child enrolled & receive  
tuition assistance.