



Good Hope Country Day School Financial Aid Policy 2017-18

Good Hope Country Day School strives to ensure a diverse student body, including talented students from all socio-economic backgrounds. The School's advancement office raises funds beyond tuition dollars to help the School allocate approximately 12% of its budget to financial assistance. In 2016-17, these dollars totaled nearly \$700,000 and assisted nearly 50% of students.

To apply for financial assistance, a student must first be offered admission to the School. The family must then complete and turn in the Application for Financial Aid along with a copy of the latest tax return, including all schedules. **Applications are due April 21 and decisions will be communicated by April 28. Applications received after April 21 will only be considered pending availability of funds.**

Please note the following guidelines:

1. Parents are expected to contribute to the cost of their children's education to the best of their ability, considering the resources of both natural and stepparents, grandparents, and other close family members. Financial aid will generally not exceed 50% of tuition.
2. In the case of divorce or separation, the custodial parent must secure the necessary financial information from the non-custodial parent.
3. Renewal of financial aid awards is not automatic; parents must reapply each year in order to be considered for assistance.
4. Although assistance is based on need, students are expected to demonstrate and maintain the academic and behavioral standards of the School.
5. Students and parents who receive financial assistance should be aware that funds are available in large part due to generous contributions made to the School for this purpose. All parents, including financial aid recipients, are strongly encouraged to contribute to the Annual Fund, regardless of the amount, since this encourages alumni and Friends of GHCDs to give as well.
6. Financial aid awards are based on the following factors:
 - a. The family's financial situation
 - b. Space availability in the grade(s) applied for
 - c. Academic and behavioral records
 - d. Past payment history (for returning families)
 - e. Student and family's participation in the life of the School (past or anticipated)
7. No application will be processed until all required information, including the most recent tax return with all schedules, has been submitted.
8. The financial aid committee is comprised of several members of the administration. They review all applications and materials in strictest confidence. Names of financial aid recipients are never published or shared with the faculty, Board, or any other segment of the Good Hope Country Day School community.
9. Financial aid is awarded without regard to race, creed, color, or ethnic origin.
10. All applicants should embrace Good Hope Country Day School's mission: cultivate reflective, creative, and compassionate students who are critical thinkers prepared to excel in college and empowered to better their island and the world.



Good Hope Country Day School Application for Financial Aid

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Date _____

1. Name of Good Hope Country Day School Student(s):

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Entering Grade _____

2. Father or Male Guardian _____

Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email: _____ Title/Position: _____

Employer: _____

3. Mother or Female Guardian _____

Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email: _____ Title/Position _____

Employer: _____

4. List any additional employment or income source of either parent:

5. Non GHCDs Children. List any additional children in the family:

Name	Age	School	Tuition Paid	Grants Received
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What amount per month do you feel you can contribute towards your child (ren)'s tuition at Good Hope Country Day School:

Please note that the maximum amount is 50% of the monthly tuition. You must provide an amount.

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

Returning parents: List the Good Hope Country Day School projects in which you participated last year:

All parents: List the Good Hope Country Day School projects in which you plan to participate this coming year:

List any special interests or talents you have that would be helpful to the school:

How will your child honor the four core values of GHCDS:
Respect, Scholarship, Citizenship and Integrity?

I hereby declare that all of the foregoing statements and information are complete, true and accurate.

Father/guardian signature _____ date _____

Mother/guardian signature _____ date _____