**2022-2023 FINANCIAL AID INSTRUCTIONS:**

**How do I apply to Bishop O'Dowd High School for financial aid?**

New students must have an admissions application in process to be considered for financial aid. Links for our 2 required financial aid applications are on the school’s website. Both a FACTS financial aid application and an O’Dowd in-house financial aid application must be submitted. Both financial aid applications must be submitted for incoming freshmen and transfer students on or before February 4, 2022 and for returning students on or before February 10, 2022.

**What is considered when awarding financial aid and what documentation is needed?**

All financial aid is need-based. The financial aid committee considers many factors such as income, assets, minor dependent children in the home, as well as the number of minor children enrolled in tuition charging schools. To make this assessment, the documents required with the financial aid application will be all pages of either the 2020 or the 2021 federal tax return and copies of all 2021 W-2 forms. For families with W-2 income, please use box 1 on the 2021 W-2 form(s) for your 2021 actual income figure on the O’Dowd in-house application. For self-employed families, an estimate of 2021 net profit (schedule C net income estimate) and a projection of 2022 net profit will be needed for the O’Dowd in-house application. For families owning rental property, an estimate of 2021 net income (schedule E net income estimate) and a projection of 2022 net income will be needed for the O’Dowd in-house application. The application you submit to FACTS, the company we use to help assess need and collect income and tax documentation, must be uploaded directly to FACTS and requires an application fee to FACTS of $40. The other application is the O’Dowd in-house application, which does not require a separate upload of documentation and does not require a fee. The FACTS application asks for the adjusted gross income from the most recent tax return. The O’Dowd in-house form asks for the 2021 actual income as well as a projection of 2022 income.

To be considered for financial aid, Bishop O’Dowd High School requires that in cases of divorced, separated, or never married families, both parents fill out and submit a full financial aid application. Each household’s separate financial aid application should include the income of all members residing in their own household only.

**How much is a typical financial aid award?**

For the 2021-22 school year, in which the tuition was $21,300 per year, families received financial aid awards ranging between a minimum award of $2,300 to a maximum award of $19,300. The remaining tuition balance was financed over 10 months (July through April). Students receiving the minimum financial aid award had a monthly tuition payment of $1,900 and students receiving the maximum financial aid award had a monthly tuition payment of $200. Financial aid awards and monthly payments fell everywhere within these ranges.

**Is financial aid awarded for all 4 years?**

Families must re-apply each year for financial aid. However, if there is no increase in the financial profile and all updated financial documents are received, the school will make every effort to award a similar percentage of financial aid for each of the 4 years.

**Is the registration fee subject to financial aid?**

The registration fee will be due in March and paid online when you complete your registration and is not reduced by financial aid. The 2022-23 registration fee has not been finalized, however, for the 2021-22 school year the registration fee for incoming freshmen was $1,100 and $900 for returning students.

**When will I be notified if I receive a financial aid award?**

Financial aid decision letters will be sent via email at the same time as admissions acceptance letters to new students in March just before new student registration opens. Returning students will be informed of financial aid awards by the end of May.

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