

# Financial Aid Applications

## Information for Families Applying for Aid for the 2011-12 School Year

Thank you for your interest in AIM~Academy in Manayunk for the 2011-12 school year. To be eligible for consideration for financial aid, you must complete your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) by February 1, 2011. We will communicate decisions about financial aid the week of March 14th .

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We use School and Student Services (SSS) to process financial aid applications. Based on the financial information you provide in the Parents' Financial Statement, SSS gives us an estimated amount your family can contribute to educational expenses. This estimate is a *starting point* to help us make fair and objective financial aid decisions. To begin your financial aid application for the 2011-12 school year, please follow these steps below. (You only have to complete one Parents' Financial Statement, even if you have several children applying.)

### TO COMPLETE THE PARENTS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PFS) ONLINE

1. Go to [sss.nais.org/parents](http://sss.nais.org/parents).
2. Click on the "Apply Now" button.
3. You will set up a PFS Online account using your e-mail address and a password. *Returning parents: If you completed an online PFS application last year, use your e-mail address and existing password. If you have forgotten your password, click on "Forgot my password."*
4. Submit and pay for the PFS (\$35). This fee is nonrefundable.



**Why apply online?** Your information will be delivered to us more quickly and accurately, allowing us to make a faster financial aid decision. You'll also save \$12.

### TO COMPLETE A PAPER PARENTS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT FORM

1. If you don't already have a paper Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) form, go to the [SSS website](#) to download one.
2. Complete the PFS and return it with nonrefundable payment (\$47) to: SSS By NAIS, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449 USA. (For overnight mail: SSS By NAIS, 437 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021.)
3. The PFS comes with a Required Documents Cover Sheet and large envelope you can use to send in additional documents that we require.

### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS WE REQUIRE

Our school requires that you submit to SSS by mail or online the following documents in addition to your completed Parents' Financial Statement, Families are required to submit to SSS copies of W-2 forms or year end pay stubs plus your most recent completed Federal Income Tax Form, all schedules, and, if applicable, the Business/Farm Statement (New financial aid applicants must send the past two years tax documentation). We must receive these documents by February 15, 2011.

- **To submit these documents by mail**, send one copy (not the original) of each document with a Required Documents Cover Sheet to: SSS By NAIS, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449 USA. (For overnight mail: SSS By NAIS, Processing Center, 437 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021.)

*Tips: If you submitted the PFS in paper, you'll find with your form a Required Documents Cover Sheet and a large envelope to use when sending in your documents. Send copies of your documents – not originals. Do not use staples or paper clips.*

- **To submit these documents online**, go to the Manage Documents tab in the PFS Online. There you can upload documents from your computer. Save each document separately in Adobe Acrobat pdf or as a .jpg file. Each document must not exceed a size of 500 kilobytes. On the Manage Documents page, click on "Browse," locate the document on your computer, then click on "Upload."



**Tip:** Mail any documents 10 days in advance of our deadline to allow for mail delivery and for SSS's processing time.

**Call SSS Customer Service at (800) 344-8328 with any questions (M-F: 9am-8pm EST. Sat: 9am-4pm EST)**