

Many of you have expressed your intent to apply for financial aid from Baylor, and the purpose of this letter is to lay out the financial aid application process. If you do *not* plan to apply for need-based aid, you may ignore this and future correspondence on this specific subject.

Baylor believes that paying for education is primarily the responsibility of a family, but we also understand that private school tuition is beyond the reach of many meritorious families. Consequently, Baylor dedicates more than \$6 million annually to bridge the gap for families who might not otherwise be able to afford Baylor tuition.

To assist us in determining a student's financial need, we enlist the help of a third-party service, [School & Student Services \(SSS\)](#), to objectively assess the amount a family might reasonably be expected to pay toward a private school education. Baylor takes this figure, known as the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), and analyzes it further to arrive at our own EFC and to finalize our financial aid offer.

If you do plan to apply, there are specific steps parents must take to be eligible for an award:

- Create or return to your [SSS Family Portal account](#)
- Once the account is created, upload the following required materials:
  - Parent Financial Statement
  - Income tax returns from 2019, 2020, and 2021 (when completed)
  - Pertinent 2021 business forms (W-2s, 1099s, Schedule K-1, 1065s, or 1120s, etc.)
  - Complete the Baylor School [Financial Aid Agreement](#) and upload it to your portal.
  - **Have all materials submitted no later than January 31, 2022**

Additionally, you can learn more about the financial aid process by visiting our [Financial Aid Policies, Procedures, & Documents page](#). Although it is not required, parents are encouraged to [make a virtual appointment](#) to discuss their applications or any aspect of the financial aid process.

Please note, there is no need to submit materials to Baylor directly. All information is housed securely on the SSS website. Additionally, returning families must re-submit applications every year.

Once the application file is complete, SSS will calculate the amount your family should expect to contribute towards private school tuition (EFC). This SSS Family Report will be accessible from your SSS Portal within 2 – 3 days from completing the application. Once a student is accepted to Baylor, the financial aid committee reviews the application and determines the amount of the financial aid offer. A student's admission and financial aid decision are sent via email on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

Submitting the SSS application and supporting materials by the January 31, 2022 deadline is critical to receiving a financial aid decision on March 5, 2022. Failure to meet this deadline will compromise the chance of being considered within the first round of financial aid awards, and there is no guarantee that tuition assistance will be available beyond that point.

Finally, I want to stress the confidentiality of this process. Financial aid can be a sensitive subject, and comparing awards out of context can cause confusion and resentment. If you have any questions, please address them to me directly and I will do whatever I can to help.

Sincerely,

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