

Saklan Valley School

Financial Aid Information for the 2010-2011 School Year

Thank you for your interest in **Saklan Valley School** for the 2010-11 school year. You may begin your application for financial aid as of November 1, 2009, as described below. To be eligible for consideration for financial aid at **Saklan**, you must complete your application by **January 14, 2010**. Financial aid decisions will be communicated to current families in February 2010 and to new families on **March 12, 2010**.

Saklan uses SSS, School and Student Services to process financial aid applications. SSS is a service of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). Based on the financial information you provide, SSS gives us an estimated amount your family can contribute to educational expenses. This helps us make fair and objective financial aid decisions. To begin your financial aid application for the 2010-11 school year, follow these steps:

ONLINE APPLICATION:

1. Starting November 1, 2009, go to ***sss.nais.org***.
2. Click on the prompt to begin your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). You only have to complete one PFS even if you have several children applying to Saklan.
3. SSS will assign a password to you allowing you to return to your PFS at a later date to complete it before submitting it.
4. You will be given instructions about submitting required backup documents by mail. Your documents will be handled with the utmost level of security. To read more about SSS's document security, go to ***sss.nais.org***.
5. Mail the documents that are required by Saklan to:

SSS by NAIS, Application Processing Center, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449.

(Overnight mail address: SSS by NAIS, Application Processing Center, 437 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021.)

Note: If you apply for financial aid online, your information will be delivered more quickly to our school, allowing us to make a faster decision about your eligibility for financial aid.

A New Look at *sss.nais.org*

Families who have applied for financial aid in the past will see that this website looks different. It uses the same methodology and will require the same information. However, the interface and on-screen help are more user-friendly:

- Clear, step by step instructions
- Ability to begin a PFS and complete it at a later date
- Ability for you to track the receipt of documents you submitted
- Online help to ensure successful submission

APPLICATION BY MAIL

1. If you don't have a printed Parents' Financial Statement (PFS), call us at 925-376-7900 x16 or email ***dparish@saklan.org*** to request one be sent to you.
2. Complete the PFS and return it and all required backup documents to:
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Questions: Call SSS at 800-344-8328 (Mon - Fri: 9am - 8pm EST, Sat: 9am - 4pm EST), or, call Debbie Parish at Saklan Valley School, 925-376-7900 x16, ***dparish@saklan.org***