

FINANCIAL AID

Is financial aid available and would I qualify?

Scholarship funds are available to those families who meet both state and MCDS requirements.

Pennsylvania requires that a family meet certain income criteria to be eligible for financial aid. The Household Income Allowance for 2018 is as follows:

Single Parent with 1 child	\$ 93,178
Married Couple with 1 child	\$ 93,178
Married Couple with 2 children	\$108,708
Married Couple with 3 children	\$124,238

(Add \$15,530 for each additional child or dependent.)

MCDS requires that a patron family pay at least 50% of their total tuition. Families who qualify for OSTC or other special funding may be granted an exception to the MCDS requirement.

In addition to the above state and school requirements, MCDS also evaluates other factors, such as net operating losses. Expected income for the upcoming school year, as well as financial hardships, are also considered. Every effort is made to allocate our limited scholarship funds on a fair and equitable basis according to the financial needs of each patron family.

If you are interested in applying for financial aid and believe you meet the state's Household Income Allowance, application for the 2019-2020 school year will be available in the school office beginning February 25, 2019. You must submit this application, with a complete copy of your 2018 federal income tax return, to the MCDS Finance Manager on or before May 1, 2019. Late applications may result in a reduced amount of financial aid.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding tuition, fees, or financial aid, please call Terry Gutshall, MCDS Finance Manager at 717.665.4300.