



# Financial Aid 2019 - 2020

Thank you for your commitment to Columbia Academy for the 2019-2020 school year! We have contracted with TADS (Tuition Aid Data Services) to process our financial aid applications again this year. As part of the TADS green initiative, we are requesting that all of our families submit financial aid applications online.

To be eligible for full consideration for financial aid, all returning students must submit the financial aid application and all supporting documentation no later than

## Friday, April 12, 2019.

*All families that wish to receive tuition assistance are expected to enroll in the 12-month payment plan with the first payment due on June 1, 2019.*

Limited tuition assistance for students in K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade is available on the basis of demonstrated need. TADS provides a framework through which household need can be measured fairly and equitably. Recommendations from TADS are used by the Financial Aid Committee to determine the award amount. To begin your financial aid application for the 2019-2020 school year, please follow the steps below. You only have to complete one Financial Aid application, even if you have several children applying.

### TO USE THE TADS FINANCIAL AID ONLINE APPLICATION:

1. After you reenroll for the 2019-2020 school year, go to [www.mytads.com](http://www.mytads.com).
2. Click on the Financial Aid Assessment section to apply.
3. Next, create a new account for your application or use your user account from last year.
4. After choosing Columbia Academy as your child's school, click on the blue link to download the worksheet which will help you complete your online application with greater ease. (This worksheet cannot be used as a paper application.)
5. Complete the online application using the information from your worksheet and supporting documentation.
6. Submit and pay the \$34 nonrefundable fee.
7. Our school also requires that you submit supporting documentation to TADS. These documents may be submitted online, via fax, or by mail.
8. You will also be given the option to upload, fax, or mail a letter explaining any special circumstances that may affect your family's financial situation.

❖ *Parents may request a paper application by either calling 1.800.884.8237 or going to [www.tads.com/request](http://www.tads.com/request). There is an additional \$3.00 charge to request a paper application.*

The logo for TADS (Tuition Aid Data Services), consisting of the letters 'TADS' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

*Phone Support - 800-884-8237*

*Fax - 612-548-3326*

*Email – [support@tads.com](mailto:support@tads.com)*

*Live Chat Support is Available  
M – F 8:00 am - 6:00 pm*

**Financial aid applicants will be notified of an award decision within four weeks after submitting all required documentation. Financial Aid awards will be reduced for late applications.**