



Financial Aid

2019 - 2020

(New Students)

Thank you for your interest in Columbia Academy for the 2019-2020 school year. We have contracted with TADS (Tuition Aid Data Services) to process our financial aid applications. As part of the TADS green initiative, we are requesting that all our families submit financial aid applications online. To be eligible for consideration for financial aid, all new students must submit the online school application and the \$100.00 application fee before applying for financial aid.

All families that wish to receive tuition assistance are expected to enroll in the 12-month payment plan if you enroll by June 30, 2019.

Limited tuition assistance for students in K – 12th 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 apply to Columbia Academy for the 2019-2020 school year, go to www.mytads.com.
2. Click on the Financial Aid Assessment section to apply.
3. Next, create a new account for your application.
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.

Phone Support - 800-884-8237

Fax - 612-548-3326

Email – support@tads.com

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

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

Financial aid applicants who submit all required documentation no later than April 12 will be notified by May 17. Applicants who submit all required documentation after April 12 will be notified within four weeks of their submission.