

TUITION ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Who are the members of the TA Committee?** The TA Committee includes non-faculty members of the WSP Board of Trustees and selected members of the WSP community.
- 2. Does applying for TA affect a student's application for admission to WSP?** No. The process of applying to TA begins only after a student has been accepted.
- 3. Will everyone who applies for TA receive an adjusted tuition amount?** No. Only families with demonstrated inability to pay full tuition may be considered.
- 4. Is TA automatically renewed every year?** No. Families must reapply every year.
- 5. When will a family know how much they will pay for tuition?** At the conclusion of the meeting. When an agreement is not reached, a follow-up conversation may be held.
- 6. What happens if a family's situation changes during the year?** A follow-up conversation with the representatives of the TA Committee should be held if there is a significant change (positive or negative) in the family's living or financial situation.
- 7. My current year tax return won't be complete this spring. What happens then?** Complete the online form with last year's tax return for a preliminary conversation and TA decision. You will be required to submit the current year tax return as soon as it is available. If there is a significant change between the two years, an adjustment up or down may be made in a follow-up conversation with members of the TA Committee.
- 8. Does accepting a student whose family subsequently pays an adjusted tuition mean that WSP might have been unable to accept a similar student whose family would be paying full tuition?** Admissions decisions are made on a need-blind and revolving basis, and are based on the student's fit for the class. In most classes there is space for new students, so this situation rarely arises. Families paying an adjusted tuition make significant contributions to the school's operating income, and are appreciated for the gifts and talents they bring to our community.
- 9. What is not covered by TA?** New families are required to pay the annual per family tuition deposit. In addition to tuition, every family pays the activity fee for each student (which varies according to grade), and the annual tuition protection fee. In grades 4 & 5, extracurricular strings instruction is also required. Middle school and high school families may be required to purchase books and other school supplies. TA does not cover any Extended Care costs.
- 10. What happens if the school and a family cannot agree on an adjustment?** The family has the option to pay full tuition, to request an appeal, or to withdraw from the school.
- 11. How are TA applications handled in situations where parents are separated, divorced, remarried or cohabitants?** Both parents are required to complete the TA Application. It is expected that both parents and stepparents contribute to the fullest of their ability.
- 12. How is a TA application handled if one parent is not contributing to the family's income?** Both parents are expected to contribute to the family's income. Income will be imputed to an unemployed or under-employed parent unless they are caring for infants or pre-school aged children, homeschooling children at home, or caring for other family members.
- 13. Will my information be kept confidential?** The only members of our WSP community who are aware of your participation in the program are the TA representatives who have the conversation with you, and employees in the business office. We require that you keep confidential the terms of your TA Contract, including the amount of tuition agreed upon. We recommend that you use discretion in speaking with others about your participation in the TA Program.
- 14. Whom can I speak to if I have further questions about the TA Program?** You can speak with the Director of Finance.