

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

Financial Assistance



Gaining access to Sevenoaks School's exceptional teaching, resources and facilities can have a profound effect on a student's life by nurturing talents and broadening horizons. I was aware of how lucky I was to be able to attend Sevenoaks and sought to embrace every opportunity possible.

(Old Sennockian, financial assistance recipient)



The school is proud of its long-standing tradition of nurturing talent, and is committed to ensuring that it is accessible to able students irrespective of parental income. Today more than 80 of our students are in receipt of means-tested assistance, and I know that many more talented young people would benefit from what Sevenoaks School has to offer.

Jesse Elzinga, Headmaster



Financial Assistance at Sevenoaks

Sevenoaks School has a long history of providing financial assistance to enable young people from all backgrounds to benefit from the education we provide. Our tradition of financial assistance began with the school's foundation in 1432 by William Sevenoke to actively welcome applications from children who would only be able to take up their place with financial assistance.

Sevenoaks is a diverse school with students from a variety of cultures, religions and backgrounds. We have 76 nationalities represented in the school and around 80 students are currently in receipt of means-tested financial assistance.

We are proud of the diverse community at Sevenoaks. We would like all students to have a chance to come here, if it is the right school for them, without financial background being a barrier. We truly believe that the more diverse and inclusive our community, the more enriching and powerful our education can be.

Sevenoaks offers financial assistance to applicants for day places from Years 7, 9 or 12 who live within a 45-minute commutable distance from the school at the time of application. The level of financial assistance awarded depends on the circumstances of the family and ranges from 5 percent to 100 percent. We would like all students to be able to experience the broad range of educational and co-curricular opportunities which the school has to offer. Therefore, in addition to a reduction in school fees, some assistance may also be available to support with additional school costs such as trips and clubs.



Eligibility for Financial Assistance

We work with Bursaries Associated Limited (BAL) to undertake means-testing. This involves filling out a comprehensive application form, submitting supporting documentation and meeting with one of BAL's representatives.

As a guide, combined household income of up to £68k would likely be considered for a free place. Combined income up to £130k would likely be considered for assistance with the level depending on other factors. Combined income up to £190k may still be considered in certain circumstances. Please note that for some support figures are regularly reviewed. A range of other factors are also taken into consideration, such as savings and other assets, dependants, prioritisation of education within family finances and so on.

More detailed information on this can be found in the school's financial assistance policy on our school website. We encourage families to read through this policy before submitting a financial assistance application.





The Financial Assistance Application Process

The process of applying for a place is the same for all candidates, regardless of how their fees are paid.

We ask that families notify us that they would like to apply for financial assistance at the confirmation stage (pre-testing). We cannot accept late financial assistance applications. Most candidates for financial assistance pay the registration fee and we later refund it in proportion to the level of financial assistance awarded. However, we recognise that for some families the registration fee could be a barrier to application, so we will waive it in certain circumstances, for instance, for students in receipt of free school meals.



Next Steps

Olivia Beck, Assistant Director of Admissions, supports applicants with financial assistance.

If you are interested in applying for financial assistance, we strongly encourage you to visit the school. Olivia is available at our Group Visits and Open Day to meet with you.

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