



# Affording Liggett

## MAKING EXCELLENCE AFFORDABLE

It's not enough to provide an exceptional education. At University Liggett School, we work hard to make it accessible, with financial support that helps create a diverse and inclusive student body that's welcoming to all.

**\$3 million in need-based tuition assistance and scholarships is awarded annually.**  
**34% of our student body benefit from tuition assistance.**

## BEYOND YOUR INVESTMENT

The annual costs of educating one student exceed the price of tuition. To bridge the gap between what a family can afford and the cost of tuition, we rely on fund-raising, assistance from foundations, income from the endowment and gifts from the Annual Fund. Each year, 100% of our faculty, staff, trustees and alumni board give to the Annual Fund, reflecting their commitment to our mission and the students we serve.

## FAQ

Here are some of the most common questions we receive when it comes to tuition assistance:

### What assistance is available?

We strive to make tuition affordable for each family. With the exception of the Liggett Merit Scholarship, all tuition assistance is based on demonstrated need.

### Should I apply for tuition assistance?

Possibly. Many families who may not expect to be eligible actually qualify, and even a small reduction can make a critical difference.

### Do you offer athletic scholarships?

No. MHSAA guidelines do not allow schools to award athletic scholarships. However, athletics and other talents may be factored into admission decisions, and your family may be eligible for other forms of tuition assistance.

### Do you offer financial assistance in every grade?

Yes, with the exception of prekindergarten.

### Do I need to apply for aid every year?

Yes. Families receiving tuition assistance must complete a Parent Financial Statement (PFS) every year. Once an award is made, families can expect to receive similar levels of funding each year, unless financial circumstances change significantly, which may affect the level of assistance provided.

### Do all students who are offered admission receive financial assistance if they qualify?

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer assistance to every student who qualifies for admission. Each year, the demand for placement and financial aid exceeds the supply, which means students may be offered admission but wait-pooled for funding.

### How do I apply for tuition assistance?

We use a nationally standardized system provided by School and Student Services (SSS) and trusted by more than 2,000 schools across the country. To apply, visit [sssbynais.org](http://sssbynais.org).

### When students have parents or guardians who do not live together, do both households have to submit financial details?

Yes. Each parent/guardian must submit a PFS along with his or her prior year tax documents to be considered. We determine ability to pay by factoring in all available resources from both parents and step-parents, regardless of custody or other legal issues.

### Is my family eligible for tuition assistance?

That depends on a complex formula based on the PFS you submit, but a wide range of families do. Assets, family size, unusual medical expenses, the number of children in tuition-charging schools and other factors are all considered. Each situation is unique.

### When will we know if we're eligible for tuition assistance?

Notifications are made with admission decisions.

### Who should I call if I have questions about applying for tuition assistance?

Your Admissions Associate can answer questions about the process, policies and deadlines. For specific questions about completing the PFS, contact SSS directly at 800.344.8328 or [sss@communitybrands.com](mailto:sss@communitybrands.com).

### Is there a fee to apply for tuition assistance?

Yes. There is a fee to apply. Families receiving tuition assistance must complete a PFS and pay the fee each year.

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