



Applying for Financial Aid

We wish to make The Outdoor Academy available to the widest possible range of students. Therefore, we strive to allocate approximately 10% of our total annual tuition income for financial aid, in addition to funds generously provided through endowment. Any monies awarded by The Outdoor Academy are in the form of a grant that do **not** need to be repaid. Additionally, admissions at OA is “need blind” – decisions will **not** be influenced by financial need.

Financial aid applications are reviewed after a student is accepted and are awarded based on demonstrated financial need and The Outdoor Academy’s current aid ability. *Due to finite resources that must support many families, we cannot accommodate every financial aid request, nor will your financial aid package cover the entire cost of tuition.* In order to fairly estimate a family’s ability to pay, The Outdoor Academy uses the Parent’s Financial Statement (PFS Report) of the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS).

Any student regardless of race, color, creed, or national or ethnic origin may apply for financial aid. We base our decisions on:

1. This personal statement regarding your need for financial aid.
2. Your PFS Report.
3. The suitability of the applicant at OA as demonstrated in the application process.

TO APPLY:

1. Submit this completed Statement of Need to admissions@enf.org.
2. **Complete the Personal Financial Statement (PFS) Report online** using school code 2919 at: <https://sssandtadsfa.force.com/familyportal>. A notification will be sent to our office once your form is complete.

We will review your financial aid application following our admissions decision. We strive to provide your family with a financial aid decision in a timely manner following student acceptance notification. We are committed to doing all we can to make enrollment possible for all accepted students and seek to partner with families on tuition affordability.

NOTE FOR STUDENTS AT TUITION-CHARGING SCHOOLS:

If you are a student at an independent school, please inquire with your school regarding their policies on tuition remission and transference of financial aid for your semester away. This includes the schools that have historically worked directly with The Outdoor Academy to send students as “member” institutions. We are happy to provide you with more information or clarification on how to begin these conversations with your school.



Statement of Need

Student's Name _____

Semester applying for: ☐ Fall only ☐ Spring only ☐ Either Fall or Spring

Parent/Guardian 1 Name _____ **Occupation** _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name _____ **Occupation** _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Marital status:

____ Married & living together ____ Single parent/guardian ____ Separated ____ Divorced

Tuition will be provided by:

____ Parent/Guardian 1 only ____ Parent/Guardian 2 only ____ Both parents/guardians

Additional sources: _____

The comprehensive cost of \$34,100 for one semester at OA includes:

- Tuition, room and board
- Gear loans and wilderness fees
- Tuition Refund Insurance

The only additional expense is for a student spending account (school store). Families are asked to deposit \$150 into this account at the beginning of the semester.



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Please share the reasons for your need for financial aid below or in a separate letter. We will review this information alongside your report from the PFS.