



Overview of Financial Aid

Tuition Discounts at The Outdoor Academy

We strive to make a semester at The Outdoor Academy available to the widest possible range of students. All parents/guardians will pay something towards their student's education at OA. Some cover the full cost of tuition, while many others do not have this ability. We aim to mitigate the costs of tuition in our operations whenever possible.

Additionally, we allocate approximately 10% of our total annual tuition income towards discounted tuition, in addition to funds generously provided through endowment. Overall, more than half of the students attending OA pay a discounted tuition.

SOME USEFUL NOTES ABOUT OUR PROCESS

- Admissions at OA is "need blind" – decisions will **not** be influenced by financial need.
- Tuition discount requests are reviewed **after** a student has completed their application. We aim to provide your family with a decision in a timely manner following your student's acceptance.
- Any student regardless of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin may apply.
- Any monies awarded by The Outdoor Academy are a tuition discount in the form of a grant, i.e. they do **not** need to be repaid. Due to finite resources that must support many students, we cannot accommodate every financial aid request, nor will your discount cover the entire cost of tuition.
- For students at tuition-charging schools: If you attend an independent school, please inquire with your school regarding their policies on tuition remission and transference of financial aid for your semester. We are happy to provide you with more information or clarification on how to begin these conversations.

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.

In order to fairly estimate a family's ability to pay, The Outdoor Academy uses the Parent's Financial Statement (PFS) from School and Student Services (SSS), a platform used by many independent schools. We base our decisions on this Statement, your PFS Report, and the suitability of the applicant at OA as demonstrated in the application process. We are committed to doing all we can to make enrollment possible for all accepted students.



Statement of Need

For the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Semesters

Student's Name _____

Semester applying for: ☐ Fall 2024 only ☐ Spring 2025 only ☐ Either semester

The comprehensive cost of \$36,900 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 (the "School Store"). Families are asked to deposit \$200 into this account at the beginning of the semester.

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

Employer _____

Address _____

Preferred phone _____ **Email** _____

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

Employer _____

Address _____

Preferred phone _____ **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

Please list all additional sources of tuition: _____



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Please share the reasons for your need for financial aid below or in an attached letter. We will review this alongside your report from the PFS, so include any and all additional information that could help us best understand your situation and need for a discounted tuition.