



Important Upcoming Dates

SMA Financial Aid Workshop for New & Returning Families - CEF & Smart Aid
Tuesday, October 30, 2018; Time: 6 PM - 7:15 PM

SMA Financial Aid Workshop for Returning Families - CEF & Smart Aid
Wednesday, November 6, 2018; Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

CEF On-Site Financial Aid Application Processing
Wednesday, November 14, 2018; Time: 12 PM - 8 PM

*****All families receiving financial aid MUST attend the workshop***
Returning families only need to attend one of the workshop dates (October 30th or November 6th)
*Appointments for CEF On-Site Processing will be given during the workshop dates***

Smart Aid Parent Online Application

Below is the link to view and familiarize yourself with the standard parent online application.

<http://smartaidforparents.s3.amazonaws.com/story.html>

Access Application - starting Monday, October 8, 2018

<https://smartaidforparents.com>

School ID

St. Mary's Academy: **11862**

Grades Eligible

9th Grade– 12th Grade (does not apply to Red Tie Seniors - Class of 2019)

Smart Aid Application Fee: \$35

Required Supporting Documentation

*Applications submitted without documentation **will not** be processed.*

- Most recent pay stubs
- **2017** W-2 forms for all jobs.
- **2017** filed tax return: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ with all schedules.
- **2017** filed business tax return: 1120, 1120S, 1065 (if applicable).
- Supplemental income documentation: Social Security income, Welfare, Food Stamps, Child Support, 1099-M Forms, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment, Veterans Benefits, Housing Allowance, etc.
- If you are unable to provide any of the aforementioned items, please submit a Special Circumstance Letter indicating which document(s) you are unable to provide and why. This information will be shared with your school for consideration.

Submitting Documentation

Documentation should be submitted at the time the application is completed. Application IDs must be included on all documents. Failure to include your ID will delay processing of your application.

- Direct Upload: <https://smartaidforparents.com> (login with your username and password)

Contact Information

- Phone Support: (800)-360-8027
- Email Support: support@smartaidforparents.com

Notification of Financial Aid

Once your application is processed, a financial aid recommendation will be forwarded to **St. Mary's Academy**. All final financial aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any) will be made by **St. Mary's Academy**. If you have not received notification regarding financial aid, contact the business office at **St. Mary's Academy**.



St. Mary's Academy 2019 – 2020 Online Instructions

1. Online Application

Visit: <https://smartaidforparents.com>

2. Section 1 – Household Information

Parent/Guardian: Enter the parent or guardian's contact information. Dependent: Enter all dependents that live in the household. For dependents in college, select the "attending another private school" status option.

3. Section 2 – Selecting A School

Enter your school's five-digit code or name in the search box. If you want to search for schools near you that are participating in the Smart Aid program, you can search by city and state. Make your selection by checking the select check box. Once a school or multiple schools are selected, you will then need to select the student(s) you wish to apply for aid at the appropriate school(s). After the school(s) have been selected, you will then need to select the upcoming grade for the student, student code (if applicable), and expected tuition (if applicable) for the upcoming year. Clicking "next" after each section will allow you to move on to each subsequent section.

4. Section 3 – Income & Expenses

Enter any income the household receives; employment, business or supplemental. If the work status is selected as 'employed', 'self-employed', 'unemployed, receiving benefits', or 'disabled, receiving benefits,' you will be required to enter this income source in the appropriate section before moving through the application. Please enter all expenses as they pertain to your household.

5. Section 4 – Assets & Debts

Enter all assets and debts as they pertain to your household.

6. Section 5 – Special Circumstances

Check off any special circumstance that pertains to your household. If no option available best describes your household's circumstance, please check 'other' and describe your situation. This information is confidential and will only be available to designated School Administration and Smart Aid staff.

7. Section 6 – Submit

If your school uses family school codes, please make the appropriate selection. Agree to Smart Aid's terms and conditions, then click SUBMIT to complete your online application.

Please be sure to enter all fields with accuracy.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who should complete this aid application?

A: Whomever claims the child as a dependent should complete this application whether it is a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, or legal guardian. There is a section within the application where you can enter contributions from non-custodial parents and relatives.

Q: Why do I need to input my spouse's information if I am remarried and they are not legally responsible for my children?

A: Smart Aid's calculation works off of the total household income, therefore including all income, whether the party is legally responsible for your children or not. Our system however, does take into effect your spouse's expenses as well as their income. It is important to list all expenses that are asked of within the application.

Q: I do not have the required tax documents. HELP!

A: Include the most recent tax documentation you have available. If you are asked for a specific line from a tax document that you have not yet completed, please estimate the projected amount.

Q: How will I know if I qualify for aid or not?

A: We do not disclose information about the results of your application. All final tuition aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any); will be made by your school. For the date award notices will be given, please contact your school directly.

Q: What if I want to edit my application?

A: Once an application has been submitted and paid for it can no longer be edited by a parent. However, if changes are necessary a written statement with the change (including the application ID), should be sent to support@smartaidforparents.com.