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## TUITON ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES

Greenbrier Community School has a strong commitment to tuition assistance, which is based on our belief that a community of students from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds enhances the educational experience of all students. A portion of funds raised each year through our Annual Auction are set aside for tuition assistance. Tuition Assistance requests are reviewed by a small confidential committee. The objectives of the School's Finance Committee are to ensure diversity of the student population and to ensure that the full rewards of school choice are accessible to all families.

## **DEADLINES:**

Tuition Assistance applications are through a 3rd party System, the School and Student Services for Financial Aid by the National Association of Independent Schools. Tuition Assistance deadlines are set prior to distribution of contracts each year. You may apply after the deadline if:

- You are a new family to Greenbrier Community School
- You have a significant change in your financial situation

## **CONSIDERATIONS:**

Since we are a small private school, we have a limited amount of tuition assistance to offer each year. The Tuition Assistance award is made by considering many factors that play the committee's final award decision including:

- Class size and spots available
- Family Resources: assets and discretionary spending
- <u>Divorced and Separated Parents:</u> GCS requires divorced parents file the application for tuition assistance. The income of both parents must be used to consider the tuition assistance decision as we are unable to subsidize tuition if one of the parents is capable, but unwilling, to contribute to tuition.
- <u>Payment History:</u> Enrollment contracts clearly state that all tuition must be current or paid-in-full before the child can enroll for the upcoming school year or a family can be considered for tuition assistance. Please see page 11 of the student handbook for further information.

No family is offered 100 percent tuition assistance. All families are expected to contribute financially. The majority of Tuition Assistance awards are between 10 and 25 percent of the total tuition, with limited exceptions made.

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How to apply: <u>www.solutionsbysss.com</u>
The school code is: 2010