We partner with School and Student Services (SSS) in our tuition assistance process. To begin your tuition assistance application, you will complete SSS’s Parents’ Financial Statement (PFS).

The PFS is a comprehensive application that will take some time to complete. Please plan accordingly. We also recommend that you view the wide range of materials that SSS has put together to help families with the financial aid process at https://www.solutionsbyss.com/parents.

We will communicate our tuition assistance decision to you at the time of acceptance. To make our decision, we use the information from the PFS as a starting point but also consider our school policy, practices, and available budget.

The Tuition Assistance Committee requires a PFS and supporting documents from parents, step-parents and applicant (if applicable). This information must be submitted each year, once a student is enrolled, to demonstrate financial need. In the case of divorced or separated parents, the school requires that both parents complete and submit the PFS forms and will not be bound by the assertion that one parent has disclaimed responsibility for educational expenses. If either parent is remarried, we will also consider the assets of the step-parent, bearing in mind the obligations the step-parent may have to other children.

A tuition assistance award will not be granted if the PFS and all supporting documents are not received by the deadline.

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**Key Information About MA and Documents Required as You Complete the PFS**

**Our school’s full name**: Marin Academy  
**Our school’s SSS code**: 4852

**Required Documents**:
- 2017 & 2018 Federal Tax Returns (1040, 1040A, or 140EZ with all pages and schedules)
- 2017 & 2018 W2 and/or 1099
- 2017 & 2018 Business Federal Tax Return (with all pages and schedules including 1065, 1120, or 1120S, as well as any K-1, as applicable)
- 2017 & 2018 1098 Forms (Mortgage statement and College Tuition statement, if applicable)

**Resources from SSS**:
- [Home page for Parents](#)  
- [Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)](#) from SSS  
- [Step by Step Guide](#)
Tuition Assistance at Marin Academy
- $3.4 million in need-based funding was awarded for the 2018-2019 academic year
- 21% of our students receive aid
- The average grant covers 73% of tuition
- Grants range from 12% to 100% of tuition
- TA may also apply to costs beyond tuition (books, Minicourse, Outings, SAT prep, and transportation)

Deciding to apply for TA
- Determine what it costs to attend (tuition+books+food+transportation+other)
- Determine how much you’ll be able to spend
- If there is a gap between what you can afford to spend and what it will cost to attend, apply for TA

How We Calculate Tuition Assistance
- We analyze the PFS and all supporting tax documentation
- We determine effective income (total income minus total allowances). Note: Total income includes taxable (wages) and non-taxable (Roth IRA/401K, SS Benefits, contributions toward 529)
- We determine net worth
- We determine EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) by looking at income, discretionary income, family size, student contribution, and number of children in tuition charging schools
- We apply a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)
- We offer a tuition grant at the time of acceptance

How to Complete the Parents’ Financial Statement (PFS) Online
- Beginning in early October 2018, visit the SSS website for parents to create your PFS Online account using your email address and a password of your choosing.
- Begin your PFS. You can log out of the PFS Online at any time, then return later to complete it.
- After you have pressed submit, you’ll be brought to a payment screen. The fee of $51 is nonrefundable. Once your PFS is submitted it cannot be withdrawn from the SSS system. If you qualify for a fee waiver, it will be applied to your account automatically.

If you need help completing the PFS, contact SSS customer service at 1-800-344-8328.

Contact info for our tuition assistance office:
- Trent Nutting (Director of Admissions and Tuition Assistance), tnutting@ma.org
- Diane Boodrookas (Senior Associate Director of Admissions), dboodrookas@ma.org

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