



SMARTAID

**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL
2017 – 2018 School Settings**

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Today we begin the new Financial Aid application cycle for the 2017-2018 school year. Those families who applied in 2016-2017 will only need to:

- 1) Login in (using the username and password from 16-17) www.smartaidforparents.com
- 2) Update your information
- 3) Submit and pay the \$25 application fee
- 4) Return to the site and upload your 2016 taxes when completed but no later than 3/31/17.

Families who did not apply last year go onto the same site and register as a new user – then follow Steps 2, 3, 4.

We strongly advise all our families to complete the first three steps of the application process by our **December 31, 2016** priority application deadline (applications will remain open but the sooner families complete the application, the sooner need can be reviewed).

**** Please note: Documentation of income is not submitted at the time the application is completed; you need to provide your 2016 Federal Tax Return on or before March 31, 2016. Application IDs must be included on all documents. Failure to include your ID will delay processing of your application.**

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Access Application

www.smartaidforparents.com

School ID: 91073

School Name: St. Matthew School

Application Due: 12/31/16

Supporting Documents Due: 03/31/17

Eligible Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Smart Aid Application Fee: \$25

Contact Information

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

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1. Online Application

Visit: www.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 the child resides with 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: You are required to include ONLY tax information from the 2016 return. These should be uploaded after you have filed your 2016 return. 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.