



2010-2011 Financial Aid Instructions for New Students

Miri Piri Academy is committed to serving all those who seek to deepen their academic and spiritual knowledge and discipline. The school supports a limited, need-based tuition assistance program to serve this purpose. While we at Miri Piri Academy consider parents to hold the primary responsibility for financing their children's education, our financial aid program is designed to provide assistance to qualified applicants who would otherwise not be able to attend for financial reasons.

The Siri Singh Sahib often referred to parents as the “pay-rents.” Our financial aid policy is based on this guiding principal, and Miri Piri Academy offers only partial Financial Aid awards. Additional financial support may be obtained through local programs and individuals.

Financial Aid applications will be accepted from January 6th, 2010 on a first come, first served basis. Please note that applications for Financial Aid will have no bearing on your child's acceptance to Miri Piri Academy. Decisions will be based on the availability of resources and the number of qualified applicants. Financial aid grants are made only to those students who qualify for aid on the basis of financial need and who meet the following criteria:

- Maintenance of a 2.00 GPA average over the course of the previous school year.
- Maintenance of a Satisfactory rating in Student Life over the previous year.
- Clearance of all fees due at the time of Financial Aid processing.

Financial Aid applications are processed by a third party system that allows us to accurately and fairly compare the applications of the varied families that apply to Miri Piri Academy. To apply:

1. Go to <http://sss.nais.org/parents>
2. Click on the “Apply Now” button in the upper right corner.
3. Fill out the Parent's Financial Statement (PFS).
Our School Code is **4421**.
Our school is listed as **Sikh Dharma Education Intl**
4. Fax a copy of your official government Income and Tax Statements to **+1-310-693-2578**.

Important Note for parents applying from outside the United States: Please convert all numbers to dollars using today's exchange rate and follow the instructions below:

1. Residents of countries not listed in the address field should provide “New Mexico” in the State box.
2. Convert your joint family income as listed on your government income statement to US dollars and list it in box 8C, labeled Untaxed Income. Ignore all other questions about salaries, income, etc.
3. Fill out all information about the value of bank accounts, property and businesses owned in dollars.
4. If you pay taxes in your country, list this amount in box 25, labeled Unusual Expenses.
5. Explain this expense in box 32, including the country you are from, the exchange rate used, and any other details about local taxes.

Once your Financial Aid application has been processed, you will receive a letter detailing the amount received and your *Enrollment Contract* will be sent to you with the revised tuition amount due. Families are expected to complete the financial aid application each year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at admissions@miripiriacademy.org.