



Giving Parents a Choice • Giving Children a Chance

The BASIC Fund is a privately funded program dedicated to broadening the educational opportunities for children by helping low-income families afford the cost of tuition at private schools.

Currently, The BASIC Fund supports more than 5,000 students in 300 schools throughout Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma Counties.

This program is intended as a "Helping Hand" for children enrolling into a private school for the first time. The BASIC Fund forms a partnership with parents in the education of their children and expects parents to be actively involved with the schools and their children.

In the Fall of 2009, The BASIC Fund will offer scholarships to students entering kindergarten through eighth grades. Grant amounts are based on household size and income.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,600 ANNUALLY PER CHILD.

Bay Area Scholarships for Innerscity Children
 268 Bush Street, No. 2717 / San Francisco, CA 94104
 Phone: 415-986-5650 / Fax: 415-986-5358
www.basicfund.org

Do I Qualify?

You qualify for tuition assistance if you meet ALL of the following requirements:

1. Your child will attend a registered private school in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano or Sonoma Counties in the Fall of 2009;
2. **At least one child is attending private school for the first time;**
3. Your child meets all academic and other admissions requirements of that school;
4. Your child will be entering K-8th grade;
5. Your family meets the income eligibility guidelines outlined below:

Household Size	Maximum Annual Household Income		
	25% of Tuition	50% of Tuition	75% of Tuition
2	\$38,103	\$27,849	\$18,065
3	\$47,896	\$33,901	\$21,110
4	\$57,600	\$40,456	\$24,155
5	\$67,304	\$47,010	\$27,200
6	\$77,008	\$53,564	\$30,245

For information for family of 7 and above please call us
Household Size includes you, your spouse (if living at the same address) and all other family members living at your address for which you claim financial responsibility on your federal tax form.
Household Income includes the total gross income of all household members.

How Does Tuition Assistance Work?

If we receive your application by the deadline, and your family meets the eligibility guidelines, your name will be placed in a drawing to be held at the end of April. If your name is chosen, all eligible children in your family will receive tuition assistance grants. The grant will be awarded for a minimum of four (4) years providing:

1. Your child gains admission to an eligible school;
2. Your family remains financially eligible;
3. Your family keeps up with its portion of the tuition payments to the school;
4. Your family must pay at least \$500 minimum for the school year

The BASIC Fund scholarships will be based on household size and income. Scholarships usually cover 25%, 50%, or 75% of a school's tuition.

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Once we receive confirmation that your child is enrolled at the school, **The BASIC Fund** will pay the school directly on your family's behalf. We will make our payment in two installments: one half in October, and the remaining balance in February.

*Should a student accept a **BASIC Fund** Scholarship, the student cannot also receive tuition assistance from Guardsmen, FACE, CEO-Oakland, Independent Scholarship Fund or Making Waves. School based Financial Aid is acceptable.*

How Do I Apply?

Step One Refer to the chart to see if your family qualifies financially.

Step Two Complete the application attached to this information sheet (add a separate page for additional children). Please send along with your completed application a copy of your financial documentation. Any of the following will be accepted: 2008 Federal Tax Return (Form 1040) or an official statement regarding Cal Works (current), TANF, Social Security (current), Disability (current), Worker's Compensation (current), Retirement Benefits (current), Foster Care (current), or Unemployment (current).

Please note: *The BASIC Fund will request additional information if necessary. W-2 forms and/or employment pay stubs are NOT accepted as primary financial documentation.*

Step Three If your family qualifies to receive tuition assistance and your child is awarded a scholarship, you will be notified by mail.

Mail your application to:

The BASIC Fund
 268 Bush Street, No. 2717
 San Francisco, CA 94104

The BASIC Fund provides equal opportunity to all applicants without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or national origin.

KEEP THIS PAGE & MAKE A COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

The BASIC Fund / Application Form

DEADLINE: Postmark by April 17th, 2009

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Guardian's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

Mother's Wk Phone: (____) _____

Father's Wk Phone: (____) _____

Guardian's Wk Phone: (____) _____

Household Size: _____

(Household size includes you and all other family members living at your address for which you claim financial responsibility.)

of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

*We need financial information for all adults.

Siblings Currently Receiving BASIC

List Children Currently Receiving The BASIC Fund

Student's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Attach any of the following financial documents that are applicable (required):

- 2008 Federal Tax Return ● CalWorks (current)
- Unemployment / Disability (current) ● Social Security (current)
- Retirement Benefits (current) ● Worker's Compensation (current)
- Foster Care Benefits (current)

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How did you hear about **The BASIC Fund**?

Family / Friend School

Other: _____

New BASIC Fund Applicants

List Applicants who will attend K-8th in a Private School

Student's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Gender: Female Male

School child attended the 2008-2009 School Year: _____

Private school child will attend in 2009-2010 School Year (if known): _____

Grade in 2009-2010 School Year: _____



Student's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Gender: Female Male

School child attended the 2008-2009 School Year: _____

Private school child will attend in 2009-2010 School Year (if known): _____

Grade in 2009-2010 School Year: _____



Student's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Gender: Female Male

School child attended the 2008-2009 School Year: _____

Private school child will attend in 2009-2010 School Year (if known): _____

Grade in 2009-2010 School Year: _____



Add A Separate Sheet For Additional Applicants

Participation Guidelines

Please Sign to Indicate Understanding and Agreement.

- I certify that at least one child listed on this application is entering a K through 8th grade private school for the first time in the Fall of 2009.
- I understand that the children listed on this application must meet all academic and admissions requirements of the private school to which they apply, and that **The BASIC Fund** grant is separate from the admissions process.
- I certify that our family is financially eligible, have submitted required financial documents for all adults and proof of all family members living in the household.
- I understand that **The BASIC Fund** reserves the right to cancel any grant if I do not respond within thirty (30) days of the grant notification.
- If my child receives a tuition assistance grant I promise to keep current on my portion of the tuition and to abide by all of the school's rules and regulations.
- **Your family must pay at least \$500 minimum for the school year.**
- I understand that **The BASIC Fund** will provide **up to \$1,600 annually** to a participating school of my choice for a minimum of four (4) years.
- I understand that should I accept the scholarship from **The BASIC Fund** for my child, I will not also receive funding from CEO, Guardsmen, FACE, Independent Scholarship Fund or Making Waves.
- I understand and agree that the BASIC Fund may request any information [relevant to this application] from an outside source, including another program or institution [or the Archdiocese].
- If my child is enrolled in a school and receives a grant, I hereby permit **The BASIC Fund** to obtain the results of any standardized tests administered by the school, and to use my child's name and picture in its brochures and other materials.
- I hereby release and indemnify **The BASIC Fund** from any and all claims and liabilities arising out of my child's participation in this program.

Signature

Date