

Rio Grande School

Financial Assistance Information Packet

School Year 2012-13

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our financial assistance program supports the mission of RGS to build community and diversity at our school. Financial assistance is based upon a family's ability to pay and is not a loan. It is expected that both parents will be financially responsible for their child's education regardless of their marital status.

To be eligible for Financial Assistance, you must complete ALL of the following steps.

1. Complete the Rio Grande School Financial Assistance Application, Personal Statement, and Financial Assistance Agreement for the 2012-13 school year and return it to Richard Virgin, RGS Director of Finance & Operations.
2. Both parents complete the SSS Parents' Financial Statement for the Academic Year 2012-13. This can be accomplished online at www.nais.org/financialassistance/sss. You'll need the school's code, which is 6038, and pay your fee with a credit card. You can also apply by completing a paper application and mailing it to **PO Box 6657 Princeton NJ 08541-6657** in the envelope provided along with the designated processing fee. Paper SSS Statements are available in the RGS business and admission offices.
3. Submit a copy of your 2010 Federal income tax return to SSS (both parents).
4. Submit a copy of your 2011 Federal income tax return no later than April 15, 2011 to SSS (both parents).

Every Financial Assistance application must be complete, including all forms and documentation, and submitted as soon as possible in order for it to be fairly evaluated. It is highly suggested that your information be submitted on or before February 14, 2012. While requests for financial assistance will be considered after February 14th the pool of assistance is likely to be depleted fairly quickly.

Both parents, regardless of marital status and divorce decrees, must submit their information. **Failure to include information from both parents could negatively impact any awards given.** All Financial Assistance awards are confidential.

If you have any questions regarding financial assistance or the awards process, you may directly contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard Virgin
Director of Finance & Operations

**Rio Grande School
Financial Assistance Application-School Year 2012-13**

Data Form

Name of parent(s) and/or guardian(s) applying for Financial Assistance:

Parent / Guardian: _____ Parent / Guardian: _____

Addr: _____ Addr: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Name(s) of child(ren) in family, ages, have they attended Rio Grande and when?:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Attended RGS?: _____ When? _____

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Name(s) of child(ren) you are applying for Financial Assistance, and the grade each child will be in during the 2012-2013 school year:

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Assistance requested: _____

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Personal Statement

The Personal statement will be considered a **significant** aspect of every application. Please use this page to address your need for Financial Assistance and anything else you wish the school to consider. Please be candid and include any information which you believe would give us a better understanding of your situation and need for Financial Assistance. The Financial Aid Committee will be the only persons at the school to read your statement. Feel free to use additional pages if needed or to submit the statement on a separate sheet.

Rio Grande School
Financial Assistance Agreement- School Year 2012-13

I have received a Financial Assistance application for the 2012-13 school year at Rio Grande School, Inc., ("Rio Grande"). I understand that the completed application must be returned to Rio Grande as soon as possible, preferably on or before February 14, 2012. Further, I understand that if my application is not complete (including information from both parents) it may jeopardize the opportunity for my child to receive Financial Assistance.

In the event that my child(ren) does / do not receive Financial Assistance, or if my child(ren) receives partial Financial Assistance, I understand I will be responsible for the remaining balance of the tuition and fees if I choose to have my child(ren) attend Rio Grande.

Parent and/or Guardian

Date

Parent and/or Guardian

Date

(Signatures of all responsible parties are required.)