

# Affording a Maplebrook Education



## Financial Aid Opportunities Maplebrook School

*We Make the Difference*



Maplebrook School recognizes that many parents must plan carefully and make sacrifices to meet a full year's expense. The School is committed to working with families to make the best education possible for students with learning differences. Maplebrook School seeks to attract and maintain a diverse student body from a variety of cultural, economic and geographic backgrounds. Financial awards are based on a family's demonstrated need and the availability of funds. Maplebrook School uses the School and Student Services (SSS) to process our financial aid applications. SSS is a service of the National Association of Independent Schools.



[www.sss.nais.org](http://www.sss.nais.org)

Financial aid decisions are made on an annual basis, and we ask that families reapply for aid each year. The Financial Aid Committee then reevaluates student awards. Award amounts may vary, depending on changes in the parents' financial situation. It is the responsibility of the financial aid recipient to maintain appropriate grades, effort, and conduct.



## **Types of Financial Aid At Maplebrook**

### ***Scholarships:***

Funds for families that demonstrate need based on information from School and Student Services for Financial Assistance (SSS).

### ***Cultural Diversity Scholarship:***

Maplebrook is committed to maintaining a culturally diverse student body. The Maplebrook Board of Trustees has approved funds to accomplish this goal for qualified applicants.

### ***Work Study Program:***

Student works on campus throughout the school year to earn money towards tuition.

### ***Jane Fernandez Scholarship:***

This scholarship is for day students enrolled at Maplebrook School.

### ***Adopt -A-Student:***

Provides financial assistance to families experiencing financial difficulty during the school year that could result in withdrawal from the school.

### ***Equestrian Scholarship:***

Awarded to students in need of financial assistance to join our equestrian program.

### ***Merit Scholarships:***

This scholarship program was created to recognize an individual student's special talent and/or accomplishment without being based on financial need.

### ***Samara Grant:***

Families who pay their tuition in full, without outside assistance, are eligible for a \$2,000 grant from the Maplebrook School Foundation. Tax information is required with a letter of request.

### ***Maplebrook Achievement Scholarships:***

Awarded to currently enrolled students for excellence in areas such as athletics, leadership, community service and earning the highest levels of the RISE Program.

# Affordability

**Payment Plans:** Tuition is billed twice a year with installments due June 1st and December 1st. Some parents may wish to utilize the ten month payment plan that is offered through Tuition Management Systems.



## **Medical Tax Deduction:**

Due to the unique education offered at Maplebrook School, some families find that they can apply the cost of attending Maplebrook as a medical deduction on their income tax return. Families are encouraged to consult their tax advisor and/or access more information from the IRS website: [www.irs.gov/publications](http://www.irs.gov/publications).

## **Loan Program:**

Maplebrook School has formed a partnership with SLM Financial, a Sallie Mae Company in order to provide educational loans for our parents. If you are interested in signing up for the K-12 Family Education Loan through Sallie Mae, you can file online at [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com) or call (866) 270-7307. Please let them know you are a parent of a Maplebrook School student and they will send you a customized loan application package.



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **When should I apply for financial aid? Should I wait until my child is accepted?**

You should apply for financial aid as soon as your child is accepted. If financial aid is awarded, your contract will be adjusted.

### **How do I apply for financial aid?**

Maplebrook School uses the professional organization called School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS). This service provides Maplebrook's Scholarship Committee with the information needed to award scholarship monies in a fair and equitable manner. The forms are available through the admissions office.

### **Is there a fee to apply?**

There is no fee to Maplebrook, however, there is an application fee for SSS.

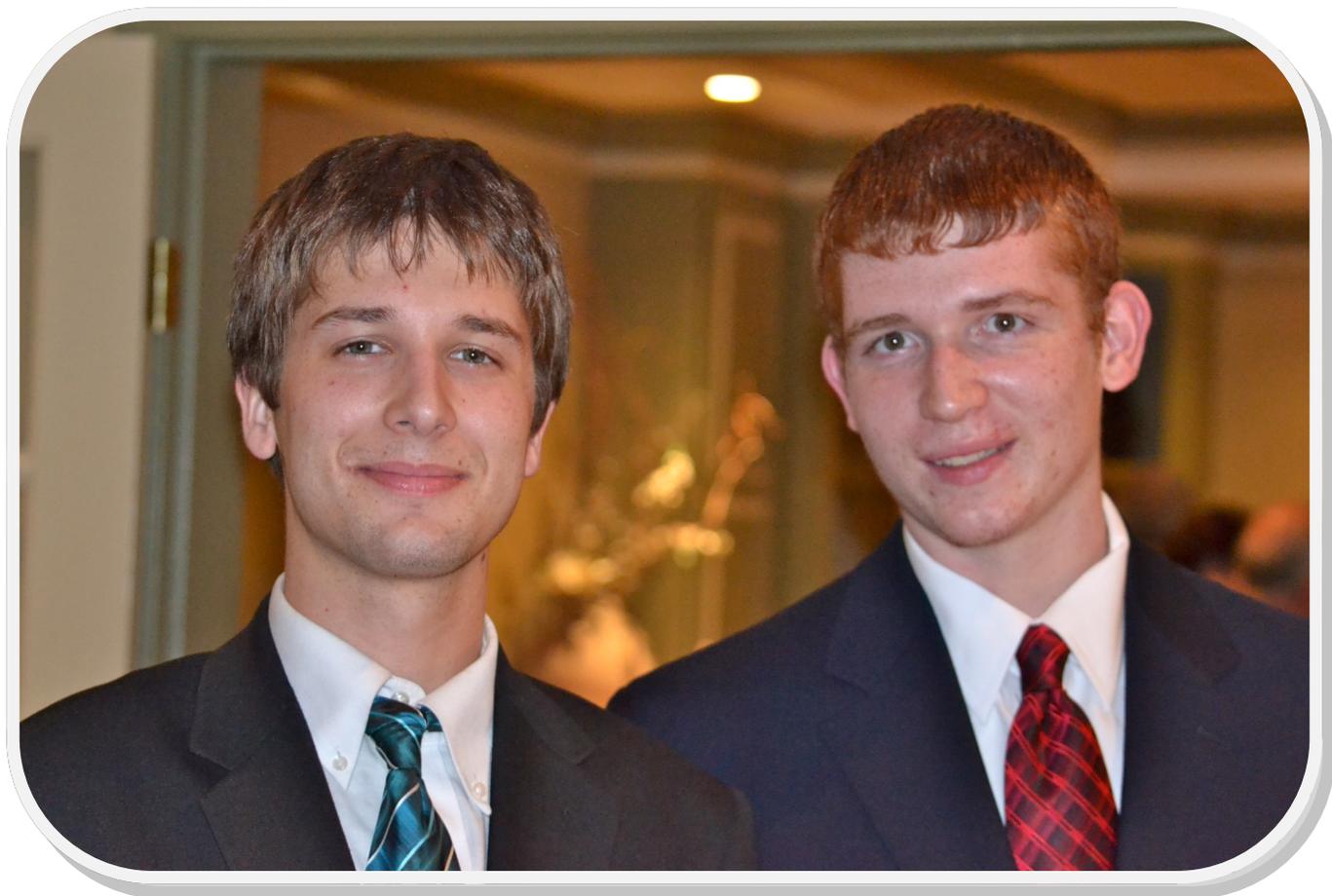
### **What materials do I need to apply for financial aid?**

Maplebrook School requires you to submit a letter identifying personal reasons and special circumstances that you believe make you eligible to receive an award. This letter should be accompanied by your most recent tax return. Do not send tax returns to SSS.

### **What are the deadlines for applying for financial aid?**

Scholarship funds are limited. Completed forms and materials should be submitted prior to March 1st.

Who at the school makes financial aid decisions?



**For more information contact the  
Financial Aid Office at:**

**Maplebrook School**

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**Amenia, NY 12501**

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