Financial aid is available to qualifying students. Students applying for admittance to the SSHS Class of 2029 requesting financial aid must complete the online application between **November 15**, **2024 and March 15**, **2025** by clicking here. Upon completion of the application, an interview may be requested. Award letters will be mailed on a rolling basis. Award amounts depend on need according to FACTS and SSHS funds available. The financial aid application must be filed annually to apply for an award.

## Q. FOR FAMILIES OF STUDENTS (CLASS OF 2029, 2028, 2027, 2026): What documents do I need to submit in addition to filling out the FACTS financial aid application?

- 1. A complete copy of your 2023 Federal tax returns including all related schedules (e.g., Schedule A,C and E), and , if applicable, business tax returns, including K-1's, Form 1065, Form 1120, and Form 1120S.
- 2. A copy of all your related 2023 W2 and / Or 1099 for all jobs worked.
- 3. Two most recent pay stubs for all jobs worked in 2024. If you are receiving Social Security, unemployment, or disability compensation, you need to submit a copy of the two most recent stubs. Please note that obtaining these documents may take some times, so please request them as soon as possible.
- 4. A copy of your most recent mortgage statement, home equity statement, or rental agreement.
- 5. Support of documentation for receipt of SNAP or section 8 housing assistance.
- 6. Documentation regarding child support-court document or canceled check copy.

## Q. What happens in cases of parental divorce or separation?

A. Regardless of marital status, Saint Saviour High School does consider both parents, whether custodial or non-custodial, as responsible for their child's education. Therefore, Saint Saviour High School requires both biological parents, whether custodial or non-custodial, to complete separate FACTS financial aid applications. If the biological parents of the student are in the process of a divorce or separation that has yet to be finalized, both parents are responsible for the tuition of their daughter(s). On the FACTS application, "applicant" refers to a parent/guardian. "Co-applicant" refers to another parent/guardian residing in the same household. All divorced or separated

parents, regardless of custodial status, must submit separate FACTS applications. Saint Saviour will link the applications once both applications are submitted.

- 1. Saint Saviour Financial Aid Committee requires a copy by supplying of the relevant section of the divorce decree (as amended and currently in force) which stipulates each parent's responsibility for payment of private high school tuition. By the financial aid filing deadline, send this copy to Principal Carolann Timpone and the Bursar office.
- 2. For the purpose of assigning financial aid awards, in the case of divorced parents, the Financial Aid Committee assesses each parents need independently of the other's using as the basis for the Committee's decision the tuition-payment responsibility assigned to each parent as stipulated in the divorce decree. Note that this situation applies regardless of which parent(s) sign(s) the Registration form if the student is accepted by and thereupon registers at Saint Saviour High School.
- 3. In the absence of any court approved language stipulating each parent's respective responsibility for payment of private high school tuition, it is the Financial Aid Committee's policy to assign equal responsibility to each party for determining need.
- 4. The committee does not honor private agreements made between the divorced parents for assignment of tuition responsibility, nor does the Committee honor either unilateral assignment of such responsibility (unless directly assigned as such in the divorce decree) or unilateral withdrawal from such responsibility.
- 5. If both parents are seeking financial aid, each parent must submit a separate FACTS application. According to #2 above, it is possible (and indeed likely) that the Committee will render a decision for each parent, according to its assessment of need in each parent's case. In cases of re-marriage by either biological parent, all adults in each household must include and submit their financial information in the application. In the case of a stepparent, his or her income and assets are to be included in the application and we will consider obligations a step-parent has towards his/her own natural children.
- 6. If only one parent files a fully completed financial aid application through FACTS, the financial Aid Committee will assess need and render its decision only for that portion of the tuition that is the filing parent's tuition-payment responsibility; the non-filing parent will be expected to pay his or her portion of the tuition in its entirety.
- Q. What allowances are made if one parent cannot be located, refuses to complete the application, or the filing parent is legally a single parent?

A. We understand that some family situations can be very difficult. In a case where a parent cannot be located or is completely absent, an official letter must be submitted to Saint Saviour High School by a member of the clergy, school administrator, guidance counselor, placement director, or attorney confirming that the other biological parent cannot be located, is absent, or refuses to participate in any aspects of his or her child's life. The letter writer cannot be a relative of the applicant nor can the letter writer be a current Saint Saviour employee. The letter must state the following, as applicable:

- 1. The whereabouts of the other biological parent is unknown.
- 2. The other biological parent has provided no support and has had no contact with the family at least the past three years.
- 3. It is in the family's best interest not to have further contact with the other biological parent.
- 4. Any other extenuating circumstance that the individual believes the school should consider.

This letter should be submitted directly to Principal Carolann Timpone and the Bursar office.

If the information comes to the attention of Saint Saviour High School that a parent was previously declared as 'non-involved' in the daughter's life, in fact, involved in the daughter's life (e.g., attends school functions, makes tuition payments, picks up the daughter after school or from school-sponsored events, listed as an emergency contact on the Registration form, etc.), Saint Saviour will make reasonable attempts to contact that parent and have that parent complete the FACTS application and provide the required financial documentation. If that parent refuses to comply, Saint Saviour may adjust, alter, or reconsider the financial award based on the information provided to or not provided to Saint Saviour High School.

## Q. When will financial aid awards be distributed?

Financial aid awards and contracts are distributed on a rolling basis after the application is complete after mid-January 2025.