



Tuition Adjustment Policy

Overview

Cornerstone to Nomad is a belief that a robust education hinges on diversity of experience, thought, interest, identity and ability. We believe socio-economic diversity is key. To this end, Nomad offers a limited number of Tuition Adjustment packages to families who cannot afford the full-cost tuition. Tuition Adjustment will allow a limited number of families to pay between 0% - 90% full-cost tuition for the upcoming school year. Currently, 56% of our students receive Tuition Adjustment.

To ensure we are able to continue offering wide-ranging Tuition Adjustment to as many families as possible, we ask families to seek alternative ways to pay full tuition, such as extended family members and tuition grants *before* requesting Tuition Adjustment. This allows us to offer lower cost tuition to those who don't have alternative options.

We believe every student and every parent should hold equal footing and have equal expectations for the education provided at Nomad. To ensure the rate at which parents are paying tuition does not create a socio-economically driven hierarchy, students, families, and educators will not be aware of the cost of tuition individual students/families are paying.

Additionally, Tuition Adjustment is offered to students independently of admission. Tuition adjustment offers are calculated and communicated through a third-party partner: School and Student Services (SSS) through the National Association of Independent Schools. Please note, that while this means students will not be turned away for inability to pay, it also means students may receive acceptance to Nomad without sufficient Tuition Adjustment, despite having requested it.

Nomad will never discriminate on applicants based on life experience, identity, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, financial circumstance, religion, or ability.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Tuition Adjustment?

Tuition Adjustment allows us to offer tuition at a lower cost to families for whom full-cost tuition is not feasible or would otherwise cause significant financial burden. Tuition Adjustment can set the tuition price for some families to be between 0% and 90% of the full-cost tuition.

How else can I get tuition to a price I can afford to pay?

In some cases, Nomad is able to apply for private grants. In those rare instances, if Nomad receives grants that help with tuition cost, we will provide a greater number and more substantial Tuition Adjustment for eligible families.

Additionally, there are independent scholarship funds available for families applying to private schools. Good resources for these are (*please note we cannot vouch for these scholarships or programs as they are completely independent of Nomad*):

[The Basic Fund](#)

[Children's Scholarship Fund](#)

[Other Sources of Tuition Assistance - Scholarship Fund](#)

<http://www.privateschools.com/scholarships.phtml>

<https://www.noodle.com/articles/private-school-scholarships-top-sources-for-financial-aid>

<http://grantspace.org/tools/knowledge-base/Individual-Grantseekers/Students/funding-for-private-elementary-secondary-school>

Should I apply for Tuition Adjustment?

You should apply if you believe the full-cost tuition is more than you can afford to pay.

How much with my tuition be adjusted to?

Tuition Adjustment will be different for every family - it's impossible to say how much tuition you'll be asked to pay after receiving Tuition Adjustment.

Will applying for Tuition Adjustment affect my child's chances of acceptance?

Not at all. The Tuition Adjustment packages are considered independently of admission decisions.

Am I guaranteed Tuition Adjustment every year?

We prioritize Tuition Adjustment for current students. Because financial situations often change, families are expected to re-apply for Tuition Adjustment every year, and unfortunately, we can't guarantee all families paying an adjusted tuition will do so at the same rate or at all in future school years.

Do you need the financial information of my domestic partner, spouse or ex?

If you have anyone in your life that financially contributes to the upbringing of your child, we need their financial information as well.

Are two-parent households eligible for Tuition Adjustment if one parent chooses not to work?

Tuition Adjustment will be considered for two-parent households who have an adult that cannot work or is home with children too young for elementary school. Other extenuating circumstances for a second parent not working may be considered - please indicate this in your Tuition Adjustment Request Form.

Are siblings guaranteed the same Tuition Adjustment?

We cannot guarantee Tuition Adjustment for siblings. Current students/siblings will be prioritized for Tuition Adjustment.

Who is given priority for Tuition Adjustment?

Current students. Single parents. Students not being raised in their parents' homes. Please indicate on your request form if you are a single parent with no spousal/child support or if you are applying on behalf of a student who is. In most cases, documentation may be required to show custody and/or child-support arrangements.

When will I be offered Tuition Adjustment?

New students will be notified of their Tuition Adjustment offer with their acceptance letter mailed during the second week of March. Families receiving tuition assistance grants are required to pay a nonrefundable 10% registration/re-enrollment deposit. Returning families will receive their letters with their Tuition Adjustment in February.

Does everyone who qualifies for Tuition Adjustment receive it?

No. Unfortunately, we aren't able to support all qualified applicants due to the number of qualified applicants we receive.