



Financial Aid Process 2026-2027

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Joy School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs and other school-administered programs.

Thank you for applying to The Joy School (TJS)!

We're so glad you've chosen to take this step and hope you'll find this guide helpful as you move through the process. Please save or print this document for reference and know that we're here to support you every step of the way.

For New Families

If you're applying to TJS for the first time, we encourage you to complete your financial aid application **as soon as possible**. Financial aid decisions will be made on a rolling basis. Please note:

- A parent tour must be completed before starting the financial aid application.
- The admissions and financial aid processes run concurrently but are evaluated separately.

For Returning Families

Our financial aid process has been updated for the 2026–2027 school year. Applications will no longer be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Instead, the Financial Aid Committee will evaluate all applications together and rank them according to demonstrated financial need. This new approach ensures that funds are distributed equitably among all applicants. To be considered for financial aid, please submit your completed application by **January 10, 2026**. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

About the Financial Aid Process

The Joy School's financial aid program is designed to make a TJS education accessible to families based on demonstrated need and availability of funds.

We use Clarity Financial Aid to assess each family's financial need using information about income, assets, expenses, and debts. The application is mobile-friendly, fully translated into Spanish, and can be saved and completed in multiple sessions. We recommend starting early and making note of any information you may need to gather. Please remember that every section must be completed to be considered for an award.



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Returning families should complete the following steps by **January 10, 2026**. New families should complete them **as soon as possible**, alongside the admissions application process.

Step 1

Go to <https://app.clarityapp.com/sign-up>

Step 2

Begin your application and add The Joy School to your student applicant entry. You can save your application and log out at any time and return later to complete it.

Step 3

Enter your financial information, review your application, and pay the \$65 Clarity application fee.

Step 4

Complete the Clarity Enhanced Tax Verification (ETV) process to release your W2 and personal tax return transcripts from the IRS. You'll be asked to authorize the sharing of your tax transcripts and verify your identity. This is a one-time security measure required by the IRS to protect against identity theft. Only those filing US taxes will be prompted to complete this step. Clarity offers two options for enhanced tax verification process: "Clarity" and "IRS". Please reference the [Tax Verification Guide](#) to preview the steps of this process.

Please note that the IRS pathway is significantly faster, allowing for the tax documents to transfer to Clarity within 24 hours. For this reason, we strongly encourage all applicants to select the IRS pathway. Clarity has found that families who have an [IRS.gov](#) account before starting the application have a much easier time completing the process.

Step 5

Submit your Clarity application and follow the link to return to your dashboard. Here you will see any additional supporting documents requested by the school. For returning applicants, upload your supporting documents by the established deadline, **January 10, 2026**. For new applicants, upload your supporting documents **as soon as possible**. Your application is not considered complete if missing any supporting documents.

Non-U.S. tax filers may be prompted to upload income verification and other necessary documentation. Keep in mind that you may also be prompted to upload additional documentation as needed once your application has been submitted and is in review by the school.



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Clarity Resources

[Family Application Guide](#)

[Clarity Application Quick Reference Guide \(one page walkthrough/tips\)](#)

[Tax Verification Guide](#)

[Tax Verification FAQs](#)

[SPANISH Version Family Application Guide](#)

[SPANISH version Clarity Application Quick Reference Guide](#)

[SPANISH Tax Verification Guide](#)

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2025 Clarity Financial Aid Family Application Webinars

All parents are invited to attend any of the family information sessions to learn more about how to fill out the Clarity application for Financial Aid. Registration links are included.

[December 9, 8:30 pm Eastern Time](#)

Recordings of previous 2025 Family Webinars:

[**September 23**](#) Passcode: 9%8=m6pH

[**September 24**](#) Passcode: B+i?81+F

[**October 21**](#) Passcode: v=2DLi?6

[**October 22**](#) Passcode: 5E%y&fLC

Clarity Family Support Contact Information

- In-app support through the “Help” button in the lower left corner
- Email support at support@clarityapp.com
- Phone support at 206-210-3752

Clarity Family Support Hours

Standard (April through September)

- Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm ET

Extended Peak (October through March)

- Email and Chat Support
 - Monday to Friday, 8 am to 11 pm ET
 - Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm ET
- Phone Support
 - Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm ET
 - Saturday, 9am to 5 pm ET

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