

## Financial Aid Option

Financial Aid at Glades Day School is funded by tuition dollars and is awarded to families who demonstrate a financial need as evaluated by Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) and may not be awarded if an account is 60 days or more past due. In seeking financial assistance, families should follow the following steps:

- Complete full application for admission to Glades Day School and be accepted. Returning families must also complete the reenrollment process for GDS.
- Complete the FAST application for financial assistance online and submit all required documentation. Returning families must resubmit their application for financial assistance.  
**Note: Assessments cannot be completed without submitting your current tax return to FAST.**

GDS is dedicated to helping families who desire and need financial assistance. However, the family is completely responsible for meeting all deadlines and completing all forms required for financial aid.

To apply, click on the following link: [FAST Application](#). Note: FAST has a processing fee which is non-refundable. Should you have any questions, FAST's phone number is: 1-877-326-3278 and their email address is help@ismfast.com. Once your application has been submitted, your information will be calculated and the recommended award made available to the school. Financial awards will vary from family to family and will be based on need and circumstances and will be awarded based on the availability of financial aid funds. The parent or guardian is responsible for the remaining tuition balance.

Once a financial aid award decision has been made, a confidentiality agreement will be sent notifying you of the award amount. At which time, you must sign and return the agreement within seven days.

The conditions of this Award are:

1. You must adhere to the Finance Policy.
2. You must keep the Financial Aid Award and all supporting documents confidential.
3. Registration fees must be paid before financial aid is applied to your account.

If, in the sole discretion of the Financial Aid Committee, the above conditions are not met during the school year in which the Award is made, Glades Day School reserves the right to withdraw the Financial Aid Award. Upon such event occurring, you will be responsible to repay the Financial Aid Award in accordance with the tuition payment option selected. For instance, if tuition has been paid in full, the withdrawn Financial Aid Award shall be repaid immediately. If installment payments are being made, you shall repay, in equal installments, the withdrawn Financial Aid Award over the number of installment periods remaining.

**GDS will have three award notification dates: April 15, May 15 and June 15.** Your award date will be based on the date GDS receives your assessment report from FAST. Please be sure to complete your application and submit all required documentation so you don't miss the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Families, who enroll mid-year, must submit and finalize their FAST application within 30 days of admission.

GDS award notifications will be sent based on the following schedule:

<b>GDS receives FAST recommendation by:</b>	<b>Award Notification</b>
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> – May 1 <sup>st</sup>	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – June 1 <sup>st</sup>	June 15 <sup>th</sup>

FAST assistance is not guaranteed for all those who apply. The application must be completed each year with the knowledge that prior year's award amounts are not guaranteed or considered in future year's calculations.