

**South Area  
Solomon Schechter  
Day School**

**2007-2008 School Year**

**Financial Aid Schedule  
And  
Guidelines**

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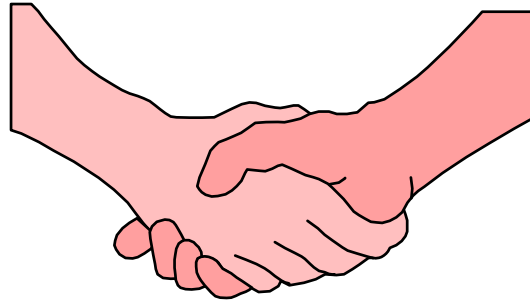
***[www.sassds.org](http://www.sassds.org)***

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### **The Process:**

1. Financial Aid packets are sent home in January. To request a packet, please email Ellen Powell at epowell@sassds.org (while Sandy is on maternity leave), or call (781) 341-8040. Packets will be sent home via kidmail within a day or two of your request.
2. Submit the Financial Aid application either online (recommended) or by mail, with a **copy** of your **finalized and signed** 1040 Federal tax return, with all schedules and W-2's for the year ended December 31, 2006, to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by February 28, 2007.
3. Send the financial aid application fee of \$40.00, made payable to SASSDS, a signed copy of Form 4506 (IRS Form 4506 allows the school to request your 2006 tax return directly from the IRS), and a copy of your most recent real estate tax bill or lease to the school office by February 28, 2007.
4. Awards will be mailed by mid-April if all information is received on time.

*Please note that a financial aid application will not be considered complete until all requested items have been received. Do NOT send your tax returns to the school. In the case of separated or divorced parents, the school requires financial information from both parents.*



### **Our Philosophy:**

South Area Solomon Schechter Day School wants a Jewish education to be provided to all those who seek it. However, our funds are limited. Please understand that financial aid is not funded by an outside grant or an endowment. Financial aid is awarded entirely from our operating budget and affects the funds available for programs, supplies, salaries and books.

Announcements of financial aid will be made in middle to late April, if all required information has been received on time.

**Given the limited funds available for financial aid we cannot ensure aid for families that submit late or incomplete forms.** Financial aid is awarded on a first come, first served basis (those considered “first” are the ones who submit all completed forms and payments on time).



**Important Notes:**



Tuition assistance decisions are confidential and are made by the Business Manager and the Treasurer. Financial need and availability of funds determine the amount of the award. All financial aid is awarded for one year only and families must reapply each year. Awards are limited to 50% of tuition.

Financial need is determined by reviewing income versus expenses, your contributions reported on Schedule A, interest and dividend income and by reviewing all information reported on the Parent Financial Statement and tax returns. This includes 401K contributions and home equity. Special circumstances may be taken into account if a written letter is submitted during the application process. As well, mid year changes in circumstance do happen, and the school wants to help make a difficult period easier for families.

Please know that the school expects that applicants will request aid from all schools that their children attend, nursery through college, camps, and synagogue dues.

Please remember that communication is key to a successful and equitable financial aid process. Our program is designed to assist families in obtaining a Jewish day school education for their children. Remember to keep us informed and we will work together to build a positive financial plan for both you and the school.

