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Guided by the principles of academic rigor and diversity, the French American International School offers programs of study in French and English to prepare its graduates for a world in which the ability to think critically and to communicate across cultures is of paramount importance.

POLICY STATEMENT AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The School offers financial assistance to enroll students who would not otherwise have access to an independent school education because of financial constraints.

Financial assistance is awarded on the basis of need and the potential family contribution as reported by the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) as well as documentation provided by the family. All information provided during the Financial Aid process is kept in strict confidence. The School uses SSS data and household income/assets to assess each family's ability to pay for education. Decisions regarding awards that differ from these guidelines may be made in light of specific family circumstances. Such decisions require approval from a majority of Scholarship Committee members. The School makes every effort to meet the demonstrated need of all admitted or enrolled financial aid applicants, but does not exceed in its offer the amount of aid needed to meet the difference between the resources available and the student's total educational expenses. **In many cases, the school's resources are not sufficient to meet the full need of applicants.** The School notifies applicants of financial aid decisions before expecting a binding reply to the offer of enrollment. French Government scholarship applicants should notify the Financial Aid office of any concerns related to the enrollment and Financial Aid processes as soon as they arise. *School funds are reserved for families that have no alternatives to requesting assistance.*

FINANCIAL AID POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following policies and procedures have been established to make equitable decisions regarding financial aid and to allocate tuition assistance resources efficiently:

1. Financial aid is not automatically renewable. A new application with all required documentation must be filed each school year according to the deadlines provided. However, French American and International will make every effort to meet the financial need of a student until graduation provided there is a continued demonstrated need and the student is in good academic and financial standing. **Students who enter or have entered the School without receiving financial aid should not expect to receive financial assistance in future years.**
2. Families currently not receiving financial aid and who have experienced unexpected financial difficulties may apply for financial assistance. The School may be required to respond to