King David HIGH SCHOOL
בית ספר תיכון המלך דוד

Tuition Assistance

Tuition Assistance Mission Statement

King David High School provides equitable tuition assistance to ensure that a King David High School education remains affordable for all families who hold Jewish day school education as a central priority. The goal is to support families with a demonstrated need, who view their tuition as a vital investment and make King David High School a financial priority.

Tuition Assistance is funded by donors, and families are expected to demonstrate their commitment to making tuition a financial priority.

The Tuition Assistance Committee ("Committee") is comprised of community members whose identities are anonymous. Families communicate with the Committee through King David's Director of Finance, Natasha Winestock. We understand that it can be difficult to apply for tuition assistance, and we assure all families that the process is strictly confidential.

Families may file one appeal to a tuition assistance decision. Appeals must be accompanied by and based on information that was not previously provided to the Committee. Appeals are reviewed by the Committee, decisions are final and only one appeal is permitted.

<u>Tuition Assistance Guidelines – Purpose</u>

Clarity and Informed Decisions:

- To provide families with a clearer understanding of factors that may impact tuition assistance decisions, helping them make informed financial choices.

Transparency:

- To establish transparent expectations that allow our limited resources to be distributed fairly while maintaining financial sustainability for the school.

It is important to note that these guidelines are not exhaustive rules, nor do they exclude financial assistance eligibility. Each application is evaluated carefully based on the totality of a family's individual circumstances. The goal of these guidelines is to provide greater clarity, helping families understand that their applications need to align with donor and community expectations and to ensure they are fully transparent in their financial needs.

<u>Tuition Assistance Guidelines</u>

The Committee considers the following factors, alongside the totality of each family's individual circumstances, in evaluating tuition assistance applications.

Employment and Income:

- The expectation is that both parents in a two-parent household are employed unless there are extenuating circumstances such as maternity leave, medical reasons or other valid explanations provided in the application.

Home Renovations and Real Estate Purchases:

- Tuition takes precedence over voluntary home renovations. Families considering a real estate purchase or refinancing should ensure that future private school obligations remain manageable within their financial plans, which should include accounting for fluctuations in interest rates and mortgage payments.

Savings Contributions:

- There is an expectation that no more than modest contributions are being made to RRSPs, TFSAs, RESPs or other savings accounts when requesting tuition assistance.

Transportation Costs:

- There is an expectation that families applying for tuition assistance should avoid owning or leasing luxury vehicles or more than one vehicle per working parent.

Charity/Tzedakah:

- There is an expectation that aside from modest donations to one's shul, tuition payments take precedence over all other charitable giving.

Other Tuitions:

- The Committee will consider tuition obligations of siblings in other Jewish day schools, and the cost of a sibling's Canadian university tuition. The Committee does not consider the cost of a sibling's university residence or travel to/from university in another city. The Committee expects precedence of tuition payments over costs of out of town university costs. Tuition for a post-high school year in Israel is partially considered. Families are encouraged to explore other sources of tuition assistance for these programs to help meet their financial needs.

Simcha:

- The Committee expects modest spending on B'Nei Mitzvahs, weddings, etc.

Summer Camp:

- While we recognize the value of summer programs, the Committee will consider the affordability of such programs and expects families to prioritize tuition.

Vacations:

- The Committee expects modest spending on vacations.

After-School Activities:

- The Committee expects modest spending on after-school activities.

Supporting other Adults:

- The Committee does not generally consider the cost to support adult children or other adult family members.

Private Clubs:

- The Committee expects precedence of tuition payments over private club membership.