

## AFFORDING A SEQUOYAH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Sequoyah School's tuition is assessed annually and families have the flexibility to choose between two tuition payment options – a full tuition payment by the end of June or an 11-month payment plan. We encourage families who have concerns about affording the top tuition to apply for Indexed Tuition. For those families whose complete applications meet established criteria, we will set tuition based on their unique financial situations.

### TUITION & FEES

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| Top Tuition<br>2018-2019 School Year | <b>K-8:</b> \$27,030<br><b>High School:</b> \$30,900  |
| One-time New Student Fee*            | \$1,500   |
| Annual Tuition Protection Plan*      | \$175   |
| Field Studies Fee*                   | <b>Lower Elementary –</b><br><b>Bamboo Forest, Pond, Backyard, Nest:</b> \$541<br><b>Upper Elementary –</b><br><b>Treehouse, Egret's Perch, Over There, Out Back:</b> \$1,004<br><b>Jr. High:</b> \$2,225<br><b>High School:</b> \$2,524  |
| Payment Options                      | <b>Option #1:</b> Full Tuition Payment – due June 28<br><b>Option #2:</b> Monthly Payment Plan – 11 equal payments June through May paid on the first of the month, except February when tuition deposits are paid for the upcoming school year.<br>There is an annual administrative fee for the payment plan.*  |
| Annual Giving                        | A voluntary contribution. We ask that all families give according to their means. No gift is too small or too large, and all gifts are valued.  |
| K-8 Daycare                          | <b>Annual Daycare Contract :</b> \$2,067 for 2018-2019<br>Paid in one payment by September 5, 2018, or in 9 monthly installments of \$230 from September through May<br><b>Monthly 5-Day/Week Contract:</b> \$288 per month/\$72 per week<br><b>Monthly 2-Day/Week Contract:</b> \$140 per month/\$35 per week<br><b>Drop-In Daycare:</b> \$12 per hour |
| Indexed Tuition/SSS Workshop         | January 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Sequoyah K-8 campus Infinity Room   |
| Indexed Tuition/SSS Form Due         | February 11, 2019   |

\* Can be added to monthly payment plan.

Please see reverse.

## SEQUOYAH'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

At Sequoyah, diversity is a core educational value – including socioeconomic diversity. Our commitment to the principles of mutual respect, inclusion, and equity inform our admissions process and our tuition structure which allow our school community to encompass a broad spectrum of social, economic, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Sequoyah students are encouraged to become celebrants of life with an appreciation of creativity and humor, and sensitivity to and understanding of our diverse society.

Sequoyah's Annual Giving Campaign supports our commitment to sustaining an inclusive school community. Every year we ask families to make a philanthropic gift according to their means. We value every gift.

## INDEXED TUITION

### WHAT IS INDEXED TUITION?

Sequoyah offers an Indexed Tuition program that allows families to pay a tuition level based on their financial means. We dedicate a significant portion of operating revenue to support Indexed Tuition, with 30-40% of our families paying less than the maximum tuition level. We encourage families who have concerns about their ability to afford the top tuition to apply. For families who submit a complete application and meet the established criteria, we will set tuition based on their unique financial situation.

It is important that new families disclose potential need of the Indexed Tuition program at the time of their original application to the school. If your family is not assigned a lower tuition level upon admission, and outside an adverse change in personal circumstances, we anticipate in our budgeting that your family will be paying the top tuition in subsequent years.

### HOW DO WE APPLY FOR INDEXED TUITION?

The Indexed Tuition application deadline for the 2019-2020 school year is **February 11, 2019**. Please be aware that the application process moves quickly. We strongly encourage families to begin the process early and to submit the required application materials at least a month in advance of the deadline.

You may also wish to attend our **Indexed Tuition/SSS Workshop on January 9, 2019**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Infinity Room on Sequoyah's K-8 campus.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact Chief Financial Officer James Cooper at [jcooper@sequoyahschool.org](mailto:jcooper@sequoyahschool.org) or 626-795-4351 x217.

#### To apply:

**STEP 1.** File your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return as early as possible.

**STEP 2.** Complete and submit the School and Student Services (SSS) application form on the NAIS website ([www.solutionsbysss.com/parents](http://www.solutionsbysss.com/parents)) by **February 11, 2019**, along with the application fee. All forms must be completed online. Paper copies of the application are not required by the Sequoyah Business Office.

**STEP 3.** Upload your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return directly to your NAIS/SSS account. If you are unable to provide your tax return by **February 11, 2019**, you may submit your 2017 return with the understanding that you will provide your 2018 return by **August 31, 2019**. Sequoyah reserves the right to review any index awards offered within 30 days of submitting your 2018 tax return.

**STEP 4.** New students will receive a tuition determination with their admission letters in March. For returning students, a tuition determination will be included in their re-enrollment contracts in February.