

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY



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2009 - 2010 Financial Aid & Admissions Information

TUITION

Saint Thomas Academy's 2009-10 tuition is \$15,950 per student for all grades. Payments can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Ensuring that a Saint Thomas Academy education is accessible and affordable to all interested young men, the school will provide \$2 million for need-based grants during the 2009-10 school year. The individual grant averages \$7,500.

Financial aid forms are available in January. Specific factors, including income, family size and assets are considered when determining need-based financial aid. Many families qualify for financial assistance; visit Cadets.com/Admissions to determine the amount available for your family.

For financial aid inquiries and/or to obtain forms, please contact Robley Evans, Director of Business Affairs, at (651) 683-1510 or revans@cadets.com.

ANNUAL FUND

The Academy's Annual Fund accounts for approximately 13% of the annual budget and directly supports the operations of the school. Currently, tuition and fees cover only 80% of the cost of an STA education; the Annual Fund makes up the difference. The 2009-10 Annual Fund goal is \$1.3 million.

Open Houses:

Sunday, November 1, 2009 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2010 1:00 p.m.

Required Entrance Exam Testing Dates:

Saturday, January 16, 2010 9th and 10th grades

Saturday, January 23, 2010 7th and 8th grades

Without the Annual Fund, tuition costs would increase to \$18,900 per student, limiting the number of families who could afford an Academy education. Unlike tuition payments, Annual Fund gifts are tax-deductible. Each year, all current and past parents, faculty and staff, Board of Trustees, friends and alumni are asked to contribute cash gifts to the Annual Fund to provide an excellent education for as many students as possible.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to need-based grants, incoming freshmen who have submitted a completed application and taken the entrance exam on January 16, may qualify for an academic scholarship. The following are available: Academic Scholarship, \$1,000 (ten available); Saint Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, \$750 (eight available); Leadership Scholarship, \$500 (eight available). A student's academic performance must be comparable to his exam rankings.

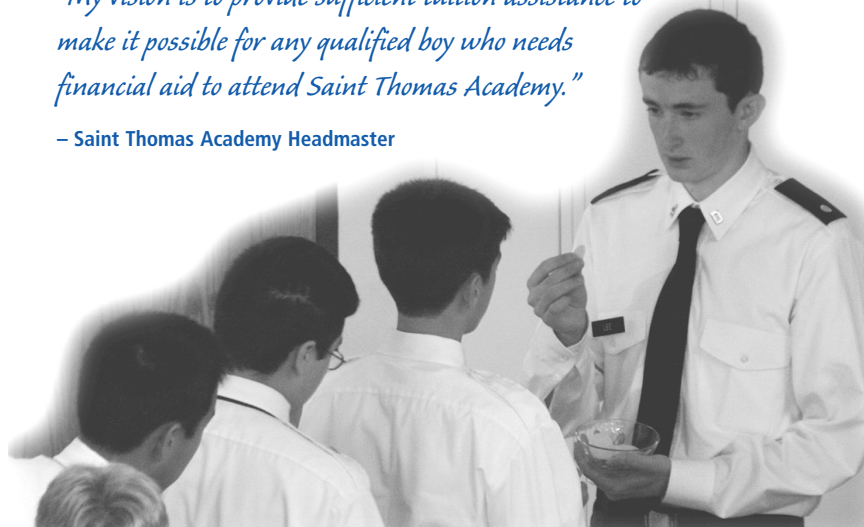
TRANSPORTATION

Saint Thomas Academy and sister school Visitation provide bus transportation for some parts of the metro area. While transportation to school is primarily the responsibility of the family and student, the schools will subsidize some of the cost of operating a bus route for the school year. Some bus routes have morning, after-school and activity service, while others have only morning and activity service.

For additional information about buses and transportation, please contact Debbie Patterson, Director of VISTA Transportation, at (651) 683-1770 or dpatterson@cadets.com.

"My vision is to provide sufficient tuition assistance to make it possible for any qualified boy who needs financial aid to attend Saint Thomas Academy."

– Saint Thomas Academy Headmaster



ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND CHECKLIST

Experience Saint Thomas Academy for yourself! The best way to understand and appreciate the Academy's educational and co-curricular programs is to spend a day at the school. We encourage all interested families and students to tour the campus and visit with our students and teachers.

To learn more about the Academy, please contact the Admissions Office to schedule a tour or plan to attend one of the Open Houses:

Sunday, November 1, 2009 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2010 1:00 p.m.

Saint Thomas Academy traditionally has a waiting list for all grade levels. It is recommended that the admissions process be started as early as possible. All incoming students, grades 7 through 10, are required to take Saint Thomas Academy's entrance exam.

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION TIMELINE

October–November

- Complete and submit an application for admission, including the student essay and teacher recommendations.
- Attend the Fall Open House on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.
- Call the Admissions Office to schedule a visit.

December

- Send the "Transcript Release Form" to your son's current school.
- Register for Saint Thomas Academy's required entrance exam – an application on file reserves his spot.

January

- Attend the Winter Open House on Sunday, January 10, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. (If you did not attend the Fall Open House).
- Register and take Saint Thomas Academy's required entrance exam on Saturday, January 16, 2010 (9th and 10th grades), or Saturday, January 23, 2010 (7th and 8th grades).
- Contact Robley Evans, Director of Business Affairs, at (651) 683-1510 or revans@cadets.com to receive financial aid documents.

February–March

- Apply for financial aid, if desired.
- Academy acceptance letters are mailed.
- Return the enrollment contract with a \$400 non-refundable deposit by March 1 to confirm acceptance (the deposit is applied toward tuition).



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