



Main Street School Tuition, Enrollment Fees, & Financial Assistance Options

Enrollment Fees - New Families Only

\$150 through June 30, 2025; \$300 July 1, 2025 or later. Link for [enrollment](#).

Re-Enrollment Fees - Current Families

Current families have until March 23rd to secure their student's position. When you re-enroll, a \$150 deposit will be charged. Re-enrollment deposits will be credited to the tuition payment on August 1, 2025. Link for [re-enrollment](#).

Technology Fee

Students in Middle and High School programs are required to pay a yearly technology fee of \$250.

Iowa Students First Educational Savings Account (ESA)

Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, and for each subsequent year, all Iowa resident K-12 students are eligible regardless of income. Parents who enroll their eligible children in one of Iowa's accredited nonpublic schools will receive an amount equal to the per-pupil funding allocated to public school districts for the same budget school year. For the 2025-26 school year, the amount will be \$7,988. Funds are held in an Education Savings Account (ESA) for tuition, fees, and other eligible, qualified education expenses. Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, and for each subsequent year, all Iowa resident K-12 students are eligible regardless of income.

The 2025-26 application opens at 8:00 a.m. April 16, 2025, and through 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted. For more information, including frequently asked questions and to apply, please visit the Iowa Department of Education's Students First ESA website at

<https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educational-choice/education-savings-accounts>.

Main Street School's Sliding Scale Tuition Model

Main Street School is trialing a sliding scale tuition model as part of our efforts to make our educational experience accessible to all. As operational costs continue to rise, our current financial aid pool is insufficient to support the diverse range of students we value at our school. In an attempt to attract more families with varying socio-economic means and to further close the gap between tuition and operating costs, Main Street School will utilize a sliding scale tuition model for the 2025-2026 school year.

2025-2026 K-12 Tuition Tiers

Tuition Tiers	Household Income	High School* Tuition Scale	High School Tuition Cost After ESA Deduction \$7,988	Middle* & Elementary Tuition Scale	Middle & Elem. Tuition Cost After ESA Deduction \$7,988
1	\$200,000 +	\$14,500	\$6,512	\$13,000	\$5,012
2	\$150,000-\$199,000	\$13,750	\$5,762	\$12,500	\$4,512
3	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$12,650	\$4,662	\$11,500	\$3,512
4	\$75,000-\$99,000	\$11,000	\$3,012	\$10,400	\$2,412
5	\$50,000-\$74,000	\$9,500	\$1,514	\$9,200	\$1,212
6	\$49,000 and less	\$8,000	\$12	\$8,000	\$12
* Plus Technology Fee of \$250/yr. for Middle and High School Students					

2025-2026 Primary Tuition Rate: \$8,000 per year

Primary tuition is not tiered, but families who have a financial need can choose to apply for financial aid to help offset primary tuition costs. The application for financial assistance will utilize the same process noted below, which is submitting an SSS online application. Families are eligible for sibling discounts with the Primary program. Due to limited funding, financial assistance for the Primary program will be granted in the order applications are received.

How does the sliding scale tuition model work?

Sliding scale tuition is based on the principle that a family's financial commitment to an independent school education should be in equitable proportion to its economic resources. Main Street School partners with School and Student Services (SSS) for the financial aid process. Families interested in applying for sliding-scale tuition or financial assistance must complete the SSS application. Applying for sliding-scale tuition is optional. Families that choose not to apply for sliding-scale consideration will be assessed the Tier I tuition.

Filling Out an Application for Tiered Tuition and Financial Assistance

Use the SSS Family Portal Login Page (<https://sssandtadsfa.my.site.com/familyportal>) to complete the online application. A \$60 fee is associated with the application; however, this fee is waived for those with an income below a certain level.

The application takes time to complete, and you will need to have the following information available:

- 2024 & 2023 tax information (W2, 1040, 1099, etc)
- Asset Information (property, investments, etc)
- Debt information (mortgages, credit cards, etc)
- Expense information (utilities, clubs, etc)

Main Street School Partner Code: 201278

SSS Application Assistance

The SSS Website for Parents & Families (<http://www.solutionsbysss.com/parents>) contains support documents, a Parent Financial Statement (PFS) workbook, and other downloadable guides. If you have questions or need help, please contact the SSS Family Support Center by phone at (800) 344-8328 or email at sssandtadsfa@communitybrands.com for assistance. The center has daytime hours.

Sibling Discount

Families enrolling more than one student will receive a sibling discount for each additional child. The discount will be applied to the tuition costs minus the ESA funding allotment. The highest percentage discount will be applied to the lowest tuition amount.

- A 10% sibling discount will be applied to the second child enrolled.
- A 15% discount will be applied for the third child and any additional children.

Tuition Payment Structure

- Invoicing and payments are managed through Tuio.
- Payments are scheduled on a 10-month basis.
- The first payment is due on the first business day in August.
- Full-year and semester payments will be accepted.
- There is a 5-day grace period allowed for payments, after which a \$50.00/month fine will be added to the payment monthly until the balance is paid in full. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact the Head of School.

Questions or Need Assistance

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Tanya Apana, Head of School, at office@mainstschool.org or call 515-981-1275.