



## Financial Aid, Invest In Kids Act and Tuition Loan Information 2019/20 School Year

### FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Quest offers Financial Aid to families on the basis of demonstrated financial need, as determined by School and Student Services (SSS) and Quest's Financial Aid Committee. Aid awarded in the current year does not guarantee an award in a future year; a new application must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis. Financial aid decisions are independent of admission decisions.

We recommend that you review the wide range of materials that SSS has put together to help families with the financial aid process.

#### Here's key information about our school you'll need as you complete your PFS:

Our school's name: **QUEST ACADEMY**  
Our school's SSS code: **2663**

#### Important due dates:

**By January 15, 2019:** Submit your Financial Aid request via the SSS site, including required documentation for tax year 2018 and 2017 (e.g. 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ along with ALL schedules as filed). When asked for 2018 tax information, if you have not yet filed taxes please use your best estimate and correct/update discrepancies once you file your tax return. Applications submitted after January 15th are considered only as funds remain available.

**February 1, 2019:** Contracts for the 2019/20 school year – including aid awards – will be posted in My Backpack.

**February 15, 2019:** Signed contracts are due back by this date in order to avoid the \$500 late re-enrollment penalty.

**By April 30, 2019:** If estimates for 2018 were used in order to meet the 1/15 deadline, update the SSS site to include final documentation for tax year 2018. If your final tax filings differ materially from the estimate that was used to determine your aid award, or if documentation is not received, your award may be adjusted prior to the start of the 19/20 school year.

Questions regarding tuition, payment schedules, and financial aid should be directed to Shawna Brauer, Director of Finance and Operations at Quest – 847-202-8035 x419 or [shawna.brauer@questacademy.org](mailto:shawna.brauer@questacademy.org)



#### HOW TO COMPLETE THE PARENTS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PFS) ONLINE

- Go to the SSS website at: <https://sssbynais.force.com/familyportal/familylogin>
- Create your PFS Online account with your email address and a password. If you applied for financial aid last year, simply login to the PFS Online as a Returning Family, using the email address and password you set up last year.
- Begin a PFS for Academic Year 2019-20. You can log out of the PFS Online at any time, then return later to complete it.
- After you have pressed submit, you'll be brought to a payment screen. The fee of \$51 is nonrefundable. Once your PFS is submitted, it cannot be withdrawn from the SSS system.
- After you pay for and submit your PFS, you'll have access in the PFS Online to a section called "My Documents." You can upload the additional documents we require there.



#### HOW TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ONLINE

- Prepare your documents to be uploaded. Make sure the documents are on your computer, each saved as a separate file. Remove any security or password protection from your document files.
- Return to the PFS Online and login.
- Select the Academic Year 2019-20 button.
- From the PFS Online, click on the "My Documents" tab.
- On the "My Documents" page, you will see an upload button or a hyperlink next to a specific document name in the "Required Documents" section of the PFS. Clicking either the upload button or a hyperlink will lead you through a series of steps allowing you to name, locate and save the file.
- Once you have uploaded a document, the date will appear in the "Date Uploaded" column within minutes of the upload. Some tax documents go through a verification process. It can take up to 48 hours for the verification process to complete.

If you wish to submit required documents by mail, [log into the Family Portal](#) and click on the “My Documents” tab in the upper right corner. Click the “Print Cover Sheet” link on that page to print a customized cover sheet. Make sure to mail your documents at least 10 days before the January 15, 2019 deadline. You will find the regular and overnight mail addresses on the cover sheet as well.

**If you need help completing the PFS, contact SSS customer service at (800) 344-8328.**

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## **INVEST IN KIDS ACT INFORMATION**

In 2018 Illinois passed legislation allowing for tax credit scholarships to fund non-public education. The ***Invest In Kids Act*** allows for SCHOLARSHIPS to be awarded from donated funds to qualified recipients. Quest works with Empower Illinois (a scholarship granting organization) to process these applications. Details about eligibility for scholarships and the scholarship process can be found at <https://empowerillinois.org/> Empower will begin accepting applications for scholarships for the 19/20 school year on **January 15, 2019**. Please note that this is a process independent from Quest’s financial aid process and administered directly by Empower Illinois. Potential awards under this program may be used to supplement financial aid offered through Quest; each situation is reviewed separately.

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## **TUITION LOAN INFORMATION**

K-12 private school tuition loans are available from [www.yourtutionsolution.com](http://www.yourtutionsolution.com) , an NAIS corporate subscriber. There is no fee to apply, no obligation to accept the loan, and they provide a 24-hour turnaround for a decision. In addition there is no pre-payment penalty so flexible payments can be arranged.

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