



THE
FRANCES XAVIER WARDE
SCHOOL

THE VALUE OF AN FXW EDUCATION

Frances Xavier Warde came to the United States from Ireland in 1843 to launch the American Sisters of Mercy. Known as the “walking nuns”, Mother Warde and her companions would travel to the most challenging areas to care for the sick and the poor. Within two years of arriving in the United States, the spirited Mother Warde had opened a girls’ academy and a parochial elementary school. Her model was to use the proceeds from the tuition-based girls’ academy to support the education of poorer children in the growing cities. Mother Warde’s faith and energy led her to numerous states to establish additional schools, orphanages, and hospitals. A compassionate, determined and faith-filled woman, Mother Frances Xavier Warde believed in the power of positive thinking. She obtained results by focusing on the good in every person, place and happening.

Since 1989, The Frances Xavier Warde School, like Mother Warde, has been an energetic, spirited and unstoppable institution. We are proud to bear her name, and strive daily to be the embodiment of Mother Warde’s spirit of hospitality and fearless determination; providing Chicago’s children with an outstanding, faith-based, service-oriented education.

In keeping with the mission of The Frances Xavier Warde School, tuition assistance is available for families who demonstrate financial need.

Please note the following general information about the application process:

Scholarship

We empower children and families to reach for and achieve their dreams by providing over 1.5 million dollars in scholarships each year.

\$1,000–\$3,000 12%

\$3,100–\$6,000 29%

\$6,100–\$9,000 30%

\$9,100–\$12,000 16%

Over \$12,100 13%

Awards range from \$1,000 to over 13K.

- An email containing assistance application information will be sent to all families in November.
- Submission of the aid application to an outside, independent processing company will also include supporting financial documents as designated by the company. This will include a recent IRS tax filing.
- Parents of students receiving assistance will also contribute financially to their child’s education.
- Returning families are given priority consideration for assistance, and all families must re-apply annually.
- Funding is limited; therefore, the application and requested financial documentation need to be submitted promptly.
- All information regarding children who receive financial assistance is kept confidential.

The Frances Xavier Warde School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, gender or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.





These scenarios are *simplified samples* and are meant for illustrative purposes only. Individual family financial profiles will determine family contribution calculations.

	<p>Income: \$120,000–\$150,000</p> <p>Employment: One parent full-time, One parent part-time</p> <p>Housing: Family owns their home</p>	<p>Possible Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One child applying to FXW preschool One child in daycare part-time Family has home equity of \$100,000 Family debt is \$5,000 for student loans 	<p>FXW Annual Tuition: \$15,000 for one student</p> <p>Estimated grant: Up to \$7,000</p> <p>Estimated Family Contribution: \$8,000–\$15,000</p>
	<p>Income: \$60,000–\$90,000</p> <p>Employment: Two parents working full-time</p> <p>Housing: Family rents their home</p>	<p>Possible Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One child applying to FXW preschool One parent recently started a new job after being unemployed for 6 months which resulted in \$20,000 of debt 	<p>FXW Annual Tuition: \$15,000 for one student</p> <p>Estimated grant: Up to \$13,000</p> <p>Estimated Family Contribution: \$2,000–\$7,000</p>
	<p>Income: \$95,000–\$115,000</p> <p>Employment: One parent full-time</p> <p>Housing: Family owns their home</p>	<p>Possible Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two children applying to FXW (grade 4 & 6) Parent has \$30,000 retirement savings Family has home equity of \$5,000 Family debt is \$10,000 due to uninsured medical expenses 	<p>FXW Annual Tuition: \$28,650 for two students</p> <p>Estimated grant: Up to \$24,000</p> <p>Estimated Family Contribution: \$4,000–\$8,500</p>
	<p>Income: \$145,000–\$175,000</p> <p>Employment: Two parents full-time</p> <p>Housing: Family rents their home</p>	<p>Possible Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two children applying to FXW (gr 3 & 5) Third child enrolled in public high school Fourth child is attending college Parents have \$150,000 in retirement savings Family debt is \$8,000 for elder-care 	<p>FXW Annual Tuition: \$28,650 for two students</p> <p>Estimated grant: Up to \$20,000</p> <p>Estimated Family Contribution: \$8,000–\$13,500</p>

Questions regarding the FXW tuition assistance application process can be directed to Sue Smeaton, Director of Admission and Financial Aid at smeatons@fxw.org or 312.268.2558.

