



Below are some terms and abbreviations used to describe financial aid programs that might be unfamiliar to those applying for aid for the first time.

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| Estimated Family Contribution | The amount SSS (see below) estimates a family might be able to pay for educational costs. WIS, like all schools, uses this as a guideline. A number of families receiving aid have a suggested family contribution of \$0 but pay at least \$100 per month. All families, therefore, are asked to pay more than the suggested amount. |
| Grant | Funds applied to a student's account that decrease the amount that the family must pay for tuition and fees. Money is not given directly to families by the school. |
| Merit Award | Financial aid based on academic, athletic, or other achievements, or on other personal strengths or contributions to the school community. WIS does not offer merit awards. |
| Need-based Aid | Financial aid based on the need of individual families. All financial aid awarded by WIS is need based. Aid is available for children in Kindergarten through Grade 12. |
| PFS | Parents' Financial Statement — the form parents complete to document their income, assets, and liabilities, as well as their specific family situations such as number of children and expenses over and above the usual costs for housing, food, clothing, and other daily expenses. |
| RFC | Report of Family Contribution — the form sent to schools and to parents (if they request it) after the PFS is processed. It lists the figures the parents have submitted along with the Estimated Family Contribution for tuition and fees. |
| SSS | School and Student Services (SSS) specializes in analyzing families' financial situations and providing guidelines for how much families might be able to pay for their children's educations. Most area private schools use the services offered by SSS in determining financial aid. |
| School Identification Number | Each school is assigned a school identification number. The WIS number—8037—must be listed in item 7A on the PFS. |