



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions or if you need additional information, please contact:

Business Office

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Questions regarding tuition, payment schedules, and financial services

Admissions Office

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Questions regarding financial aid and scholarships

AFFORDING A MOUNT DE SALES EDUCATION

At Mount de Sales, we are confident that our rich heritage, rigorous academic courses, real-world environment, and outstanding student successes make this journey the best investment your family will ever make.

We want to help you understand the cost to educate a Cavalier each year and help you develop a game plan that fits your family's specific needs.

This brochure is intended to supply you with an overview of expenses to anticipate and general information regarding the Academy's financial aid and scholarship program.

TUITION & FEES

What are the tuition policies, applicable fees, and payment options?

EXPENSES TO ANTICIPATE

What additional expenses are incurred by families?

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

How and when do families apply for financial aid?

Your Game Plan

TUITION AND FEES

TUITION POLICIES/RATES

Policies and rates are established in February of the preceding academic year. All policies and rates are subject to change. The amounts shown below are in effect for the **2021-2022 school year**. Typically tuition is raised 2-4% a year, though every effort is made to keep tuition at the lowest amount possible, while continuing to employ quality teachers and providing solid resources for students.

- **Application Fee** - \$50 (*waived for alumni and current families*)
- **Tuition** - \$14,710 per student in grades 6-12

STUDENT FEES

- **Enrollment Fee**, due with Enrollment Agreement (*deposit, applied to tuition*) - \$250
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- **Warner Robins Transportation Service** – one-way is \$400/year; two-way is \$800/year
- **After School Care** - \$900/annually (max) or \$10/day drop-in rate
- **International Student Support Fee** (*in addition to standard tuition rate*) - \$3,000/year

PAYMENT PLANS

- **All payment plans, tuition payments, and fees are run through and collected by FACTS. There is a one-time annual FACTS fee of \$45, which is collected by FACTS.**
- **Preferred** - 100% of tuition paid by July 20
- **Deferred** - Two equal payments paid on July 20 & January 20
- **Monthly** - Monthly payments begin in June (through May) and will be automatically debited from your bank account on either the 5th or 20th of each month, whichever you select.
- **Bi-Monthly** - Payments begin in June and will be automatically debited from your bank account—one half of your monthly payment will be processed on the 5th, and the other half processed on the 20th of each month.

EXPENSES TO ANTICIPATE

Uniforms – Families must purchase uniforms through Lands' End. Pieces range from \$16 for a middle school polo shirt and \$20 for PE shorts to \$40 for skirts/pants and \$45 for fleece jackets and sweaters. The MDS Parents Association hosts a gently-used uniform sale each spring, and Lands' End often has 40%-off sales.

Lunch – FLIK Independent School Dining provides a variety of lunch and breakfast options daily. A full meal ranges from \$5.50-\$7.00/day.

Cavalier Gear – Cavalier Club, the athletic booster club, runs the Cavalier Gear Trailer at Cavalier Fields during home games. The Back Porch, the on-campus student store, is open Tuesdays and Fridays. Both locations carry a variety of gear and spirit wear, including cups, visors, decals, t-shirts, seat backs, and more. Prices range from a few dollars to \$60+.

Athletics – Athletic and fine art event admission is free for MDS students and their immediate family members. Event prices range from \$3 to \$7 and are set by our GHSA Region. Parents that join Cavalier Club receive special

perks, including reserved parking. Student-athletes can expect to pay for some personal items such as cleats, game day shirts, or travel gear. The cost is set by each coach and ranges from \$50-\$250.

Study Abroad – MDS has a sister school in France. Every 1-2 years, groups of students participate in a 10-day exchange program. A family can expect to spend approximately \$4,000. Additionally, other study abroad trips are offered yearly. These trips cost between \$2,500 and \$5,000, and have included Costa Rica, Hawaii, and New Zealand/Australia.

Additional Optional Expenses – Families can expect to pay for certain smaller priced items such as literary works for English classes, middle school supplies, calculators, tickets to school dances, student parking decals, club dues, field trip fees, and school and team pictures.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL AID

We work with each family to make an MDS education affordable. Our financial aid and scholarship program is designed to provide educational opportunities to those students who qualify. More than 40% of MDS families receive need-based aid and scholarships. MDS utilizes FACTS to assist with financial aid and need-based scholarship assessment. FACTS is a well-established, third-party service that calculates each family's ability to pay and reports that information to MDS. It is important to note that all information reported to MDS by FACTS is kept completely confidential.

Applying, notification, and renewal –

Families must apply and qualify for financial aid through FACTS while completing the MDS admissions application process. Families are urged to apply as soon as possible, as financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Families will be notified of their financial aid award package at the same time they are notified of their admissions status. Parents of students who receive financial aid must re-apply for aid each year they attend MDS.

Process/Timeline –

Once all materials have been submitted to FACTS, it takes up to two weeks to be verified, and for MDS to be notified of the status of the financial aid application. The financial aid committee then reviews the applicants and make recommendations for awards. Please review the admissions timeline for exact deadlines and dates for notification.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GRACE Scholars – Families that are GA residents and have a child enrolled in a GA primary or secondary public school are eligible to apply. Families must apply and be accepted to Mount de Sales, apply and qualify for financial aid through FACTS, submit the GRACE Scholars Family Registration Form to MDS, and complete the requirements of the regular admissions process. A GRACE application can be found on the MDS website. Deadline: March 1, 2022

Goizueta Foundation Scholars Fund Scholarship – Need-based scholarships for Hispanic/Latino students whose family currently resides in the United States. Families must apply and qualify for financial aid through FACTS, submit a Goizueta Scholars application, and complete the requirements of the regular admissions process. A Goizueta application can be found on the MDS website. Deadline: April 1, 2022

Georgia Special Needs Scholarship – families are held to the same tuition policies and procedures as all other MDS families. Students eligible for the GSNS will be able to indicate on the MDS admissions application. The Business Office will notify parents when checks are to be endorsed. Any of the offered payment plans are acceptable for GSNS families. Families will receive a hard copy of their initial enrollment contract and an outline of their payment plan for their scholarship files.

Monsignor John Cuddy Scholarship Fund – This need-based scholarship is made in memory of Monsignor John Cuddy, a faithful friend and servant of MDS for over 40 years. Awards are available for Catholic students and are awarded to students who reflect Father Cuddy's commitment to faith, character, and education. To qualify, families must apply and qualify for financial aid through FACTS, submit a recommendation letter from the student's Parish priest, and complete the requirements of the regular admissions process. Deadline: April 1, 2022

Discover, Innovate, Serve – Available for rising 6th-9th graders, these three unique scholarships highlight the pillars of a Mount de Sales mission. Applicants must complete the admissions process and attend a special scholars day, where students will take the entrance exam and engage in scholarship-specific challenges. Scholars Day: March 7, 2022

- Discover - for students with a parent who is a full time Atrium/Navicent Health employee
- Innovate - open to students with a keen interest and ability in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM)
- Serve - for students who have a parent serving in the military or who is a first responder

Merit Scholarships – Rising 6th and 9th graders are eligible to receive a renewable academic scholarship. All current MDS 8th grade students are automatically eligible. Incoming students must take the first admissions test to be eligible. The awards will be announced in January. Please note, recipients of the de Sales Scholarship (rising 6th graders) are not automatically awarded the Mercy/McAuley Scholarship for high school. These students will be tested again in the 8th grade for the Mercy/McAuley Scholarship (rising 9th graders). They are two separate scholarships. Admissions test: January 22. Please call the admissions office to reserve your student's place.

Ardmore Publishing Company Literary Scholarship – A \$1,000 competitive scholarship open to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Candidates compete each spring by completing an intensive grammar test and submitting a personal writing sample. Deadline: Spring 2022

Lewis Scholarships – Through the generosity of the Dorothy V. and N. Logan Lewis Foundation, Mount de Sales graduates who attend Mercer University are eligible for an exclusive scholarship. Contact Mercer University for more details.

Rotary Scholarship – The Rotary Club of Macon North assists 8th grade St. Peter Claver graduates with the cost of continuing their education at MDS. This award is renewable annually based upon eligibility criteria. Deadline: April 1, 2022

Additional Opportunities – These scholarships are need-based and run through our normal financial aid process. Families must apply and qualify for financial aid through FACTS and complete the requirements of the regular admissions process.

- Isabel Meath McKenney Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Joseph F. & Sarah T. Moran Memorial Scholarship
- Mount de Sales Scholarship Fund
- George W. and Louise A. Pierce Scholarship Fund
- Sisters of Mercy Scholarship Fund

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