



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

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Questions regarding financial aid and scholarships

AFFORDING A MOUNT DE SALES EDUCATION

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 FACTS

How and when do families apply for financial aid?

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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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 **2019-2020 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** - \$13,800 per student in grades 6-12

STUDENT FEES

- **Enrollment Fee**, due with Agreement (*deposit, applied to tuition*) - \$250
- **New Student Registration Fee** (*due with Agreement, one-time fee*) - \$75
- **Senior Fee**, covers cap/gown, diploma, rental of auditorium, etc. - \$150

- **Warner Robins Transportation Service** – one-way is \$400/year; two-way is \$800/year
- **After School Care** - \$600/annually or \$10/day drop-in rate
- **Academic Support Program** – \$1,000/year
- **International Student Support Fee** (*in addition to standard tuition rate*) - \$3,000/year

PAYMENT PLANS

- **Preferred** - 100% of tuition and fees by July 20 – payment is made directly to MDS. Those who choose to utilize the preferred plan, and are not receiving financial aid, will receive a \$150 discount (*if paying by check or cash*).
- **Deferred** - Two equal payments in July & January – payments are made directly to MDS.
- **Monthly** - Tuition payments are set up through FACTS with a one-time yearly fee of \$41 collected by FACTS. 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.

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 – \$5.50/day for a standard lunch meal, which includes a main dish, two sides, and a fountain drink or tea; provided by FLIK Independent School Dining. Breakfast items are also offered during break, as well as after school snacks.

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 – Event prices range from \$3 to \$7 and are set by our GHSA Region. MDS students and immediate families

receive an athletic and co-curricular pass card and do not pay admission for regular season home games. Parents can join Cavalier Club and receive special perks. Students who also participate in athletics 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 Expenses – Families can expect to pay for certain smaller priced items such as books for English classes, middle school supplies, calculators, tickets to school dances, student parking decals, locks, club dues, and school and team pictures.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL AID

Our financial aid and scholarship program is designed to provide educational opportunities to those students who qualify. 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. **Apply: factsmgt.com.**

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. Every effort is made to meet the financial needs of families, though typically up to 30% of the FACTS calculated need is awarded.

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, in conjunction with the admissions committee. Please review the admissions timeline for exact deadlines and dates for notification.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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. No separate application needed. *Deadline: Spring 2020*

Diocesan Scholarship – African American, Native American and Hispanic Scholarships offered by the Diocese of Savannah for families of any denomination. Families who apply for financial aid through MDS will automatically be eligible for these programs as well as other aid available through the Diocese. No separate application needed. *Deadline: March 1, 2020*

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: March 14, 2020*

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, 2020*

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 18. Please call the admissions office to reserve your student's place.*

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.

Mike Garvin Scholarship Fund – Established in 2015 to honor the legacy of long-time coach and athletic director, Mike Garvin, this need-based scholarship is awarded to a rising 9th grader who possess an interest in athletics and mathematics, and shows evidence of good character and consistent academic achievement. To qualify, families must apply and qualify for financial aid through FACTS, submit a recommendation letter from the student's math teacher and team/school coach, and complete the requirements of the regular admissions process. *This scholarship is awarded every other year; next deadline: March 2021.*

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: March 14, 2020*

The following 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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