



To: Parents of Financial Aid Applicants

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**Please complete all questions on the attached form and return it to The Island School office in New Jersey as soon as possible.** Please include a copy of the family's most recent tax return (IRS Form 1040) and the W-2 Form(s) in order to process your request. Families who have filed a PFS in the past should submit a copy of the SSS School report. Financial Aid grants are mailed in late April.

Please feel free to contact our office at (609) 620.6700 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Pamela M. Maxey  
Director of Admission

***The Island School  
Financial Aid Application***

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members who live at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names and ages of minor dependents:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Please list names of other household members, and their relationship to student:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Of the family members listed above, please detail any tuition being paid for private school or college:

Name	School	Annual Tuition	Family Contribution
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

What was the adjusted gross income for the household in the last tax year (from line 37 of your most recent IRS Form1040)? \_\_\_\_\_

*If there was more than one income earner in the household, and if you filed separately, add lines 37 from each tax return to enter total household adjusted gross income.*

**PLEASE ATTACH ALL COPIES OF IRS FORM 1040**

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*Financial Aid Application*

**Employment Information**

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information**

Do you own or rent your home? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the monthly mortgage / rental payments? \_\_\_\_\_

How much can you afford for educational expenses for the above named student during the 2007-2008 academic year?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list other important or unusual expenses, including medical expenses, that contribute to your financial obligations (please use a separate sheet if necessary).

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I hereby attest that the information on this form is true and correct, and authorize the reviewer to verify it if required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# *AFFORDING THE ISLAND SCHOOL EXPERIENCE*

## **Our Philosophy**

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Currently, 30% of students attending the School receive financial aid. The average grant per student is approximately \$6,000.

Our objective is to form a partnership between the student, parents, The Island School and other philanthropic sources. We expect that a student who receives a grant from The Island School contribute some portion of the family balance. These are funds that are earned through working or soliciting financial assistance from local businesses or individuals. Again, we are committed to working with families to arrange payment options. The tuition grant being given by The Island School will be raised through a collaborative effort between the School and local philanthropic sources.

## The Stories

Hanna Kruckman of Liberty, Illinois has always dreamed of becoming a marine biologist. Attending The Island School for the fall 2005 semester was a step along the path to realizing that dream. "I feel that this is an incredible opportunity to grow as a person, to gain knowledge at an early age, and to share in a mutually beneficial learning experience with another culture. Being away for 14 weeks will hopefully make me a more independent and confident person. I'm trusting that this will lay the groundwork for future professional and voluntary participation in marine biology endeavors," said Hanna. She received a partial scholarship but needed to find ways to pay for the balance not covered. She worked at Libertyville Days and convinced a Libertyville business to sponsor several car washes for her. Hanna hopes that her experience will draw community interest that will lead to the development of a scholarship for future Libertyville students.

When Margaret Cissel, from Greens Farms Academy in Connecticut, learned that she had been accepted to The Island School, she was determined to help in whatever way she could to pay for her experience. She took her commitment to helping with her share of the cost seriously and was independently responsible for tag sales, babysitting, letter writing and thank you notes. She did not want to miss this opportunity and was determined to raise the money she needed. Margaret wrote a letter to her family and friends asking them to help support her in efforts to reach her financial goal. After describing the school and its philosophy, she wrote, "Already, I guess I am learning in a non-traditional manner as it is pushing me to enter some areas of discomfort, writing a letter asking for money. But I am so interested in becoming a part of this program that I have had to squelch this discomfort and press on."

Camila Perez-Goddard from Drew College Prep in San Francisco, California attended the Island School in the spring of 2005 for the last semester of her senior year. She needed to raise \$6000 for her portion of the tuition. She worked the two previous summers earning \$3000 and went to summer school for courses necessary for graduation that were not taught at The Island School. She then wrote a letter to family, friends, teachers, neighbors and mentors asking for donations to cover the balance. After her return, she sent a three page letter to all those who had supported her expressing her gratitude and describing her growth at the Island School. She felt that her Island School semester has made her a stronger person with experiences that she never could have imagined.

Adam Garland was accepted to The Island School from Bremen High School in Bremen, Georgia. His parents qualified for full support but The Island School could only grant Adam and his family half of the tuition. With the help of an Island School teacher, Adam raised and earned over \$6,000 to match the foundation grant making it possible for him to participate in the semester program. Adam's small hometown of Bremen, Georgia got excited about this opportunity. Friends and local businesses got behind Adam's effort to attend the School. During his semester, the local paper published three front page articles about his experience. Most importantly, Adam created this opportunity for himself. Consequently he came to appreciate this opportunity in a way that students who were not empowered to take on some of the financial responsibility could not have. Adam was the pioneer from Bremen and now we have several students every semester competing for a local Bremen scholarship

If you would like additional information or copies of letters written by these students, feel free to contact us.