



AFFORDING THE ISLAND SCHOOL EXPERIENCE



Adam, Fall 2001

First, a story... Adam Garland was accepted to The Island School. His parents, both high school teachers, qualified for full support. The Island School foundation committed to 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 and thus made it possible for him to participate in the semester program. His parents helped with travel and other incidental costs. Adam's small, home-town of Bremen, Georgia got excited about Adam's opportunity. Friends and local businesses got behind his 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.

Our Philosophy The Island School is a need blind institution. As financial aid decisions are made after admission decisions, financial aid does not play any role in admission to The Island School.

Because The Island School is committed to enrolling students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds we have established a program of financial aid based on direct grants that do not have to be repaid. However, part of our philosophy is that all families receiving financial aid will contribute, in some amount, to the tuition.

In order to determine need, an applicant's family completes an Island School Financial Aid Form, which is then processed according to the School Financial Aid Services Committee guidelines. We are committed to working with families to arrange aid packages and payment options. Students currently receiving aid at their school should consult the business manager to ensure that your aid will carry over to The Island School.



Currently, 45% 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.