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How to Apply for Financial Aid at The Ethel Walker School 2027-2028

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Ethel Walker School partners with Clarity Tuition for a streamlined financial aid process for 2027-2028. User-friendly interface, quick completion (under 30 minutes), mobile optimization, and automatic IRS data transfer enhance convenience for our families. The application does not need to be completed in a single sitting; you can always save your progress and return later.

Walker's will notify you of our financial aid decision. While the Clarity application serves as a foundation, we also factor in our School's policy, practices, and budget. For a comprehensive understanding of Walker's financial aid policy, kindly refer to our website.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

- Create your account on the [Clarity platform](#) and select The Ethel Walker School as the recipient school.
- Grant permission by signing and submitting Form 4506c, allowing Clarity to request your 2025 taxes directly from the IRS. This will facilitate automatic uploading of your 1040 and W2s alongside the 4506c form (this process is similar to the FAFSA federal college financial aid application and is fast and secure.).
- **Ensure that the address information provided matches precisely with the address on your most recent Form 1040 or your submission could be denied. If your current address does not match the one listed on your most recent Form 1040, please indicate that your address has changed in the last two years.**
- Complete the financial entries based on your 2025 taxes and provide your best estimate for 2026.
- For business owners, kindly check the "Documents Requests" section and upload the K1 and business taxes.
- The application fee is \$60, covering all the schools using the Clarity platform to which you are applying.

ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

- Gather necessary financial information, such as 2025 1040, W2, or 1099/K1, mortgage or rental details, asset account balances, and credit card statements.
- Share your family's story. The Financial Aid Committee carefully reviews all the financial information you provide and it is helpful for the Committee to understand any recent changes in family status or significant financial adjustments from year to year. Note sections throughout the application are available for you to provide comments.
- List your "out of pocket expenses" for 2025 not listed in other parts of the application, such as legal fees, funeral expenses, tutoring, club fees, athletic camps, music or art lessons, family vacations, or travel expenses.
- International students or non-US tax filers should indicate their status on the application. US tax documents will be waived, and other necessary documents will be posted to your Clarity account.
- Automatic fee waivers are provided directly by Clarity based on family size, income, and assets in the application for eligible families.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Our school's name: The Ethel Walker School
- Contact information for our financial aid office: Colin Griggs, cgriggs@ethelwalker.org
- Family Support: Available in English and Spanish; the application itself is also fully translated into Spanish using the drop-down in the lower left corner.
 - In-app support through the "Help" button in the lower left corner
 - support@claritytuition.com or +1-206-210-3752
- Due dates for completing Clarity application and submitting additional documents:
 - **Returning students: December 1, 2026**
 - **New Students: January 15, 2027**