

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID
2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Financial Aid Applications will be processed after your child has been enrolled/re-enrolled for the 2011-2012 school year.

Step 1 For returning students, your re-enrollment contract is due by February 7, 2011. For new students, your enrollment contract due date is stated on your admissions placement letter.

Step II Tuition payments begin March 5, or March 20. Please indicate on your enrollment contract the payment option you prefer. Families applying for aid must begin paying tuition upon billing. After financial aid is granted, tuition will be adjusted. (For new students enrolling after February 7th, your first payment due date is stated on your contract.)

Step III The FAST application may be accessed from the Dunham website by clicking on the FAST logo (located on the home page just below the Re-enrollment portal.) A copy of your 2010 Federal & State Tax Returns, W-2's and/or 1099's must be mailed to FAST before computation will be completed. Envelopes for mailing tax information are available in the Admissions Office along with an instruction booklet. However, the mailing address is also listed on the FAST website.

Step IV The deadline for priority consideration of funds available for financial aid is March 10. FAST will contact you for any missing information and will be unable to process your request until all information has been received. If all information requested above is not received by the deadline of March 10, consideration of the Financial Aid application will be made at a later date. Processing of completed requests will begin following March 10; every effort will be made to notify families within 30 days of the deadline.

Your enrollment contract does not allow for cancellation other than relocation beyond a 50 mile radius of Baton Rouge before the first day of school. With a relocation cancellation, a forfeiture fee of \$1,000 per child is retained. As a courtesy for financial aid applicants, if the family declines the award and chooses to withdraw citing insufficient financial aid, the school will retain \$500.00 per student of any tuition paid. Upon receipt of written notification from the family that the award is declined, accompanied with a request to withdraw the enrollment contract, a check will be mailed in accordance with the above stated policy.

NOTE: If you are separated or divorced, the non-custodial parent must complete a separate application as either family one or family two on the FAST application.

The Dunham School's Financial Aid Committee endeavors to meet the needs of our families with the available funds. When Dunham makes a commitment for financial support to a family every effort is made to continue the support until the need for aid no longer exists. It is our expectation as the personal financial conditions of families receiving aid improves they will be able to pay tuition in full. Further, receiving financial aid should not preclude families from contributing to the school's on-going fund raising activities.