



Overview of Flexible Tuition *at The Outdoor Academy*

We strive to make a semester at The Outdoor Academy available to the widest possible range of students. All parents/guardians will pay something towards their student's education at OA. Some cover the full cost of tuition, while the majority do not have this ability. We aim to mitigate the costs of tuition in our operations whenever possible. Additionally, we allocate approximately 10% of our total annual tuition income towards financial assistance in addition to funds generously provided through endowment.

For the 2025-26 school year, we have committed to resetting our maximum tuition. We want to step outside of the annual steady increase in independent school tuition and have our published price more accurately reflect what most families actually pay. Our flexible tuition model works in many ways like a sliding scale, and we hope that all interested students will be able to pursue this opportunity without a price tag impeding the process.

SOME USEFUL NOTES ABOUT OUR PROCESS

- Any student regardless of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin may apply.
- Admissions at OA is "need blind" – decisions will **not** be influenced by financial need.
- Tuition requests are reviewed **after** a student has completed their application. We aim to provide you with a decision in a timely manner following your student's acceptance.
- Any monies awarded by The Outdoor Academy are in the form of a grant, i.e. they do **not** need to be repaid. Due to finite resources that must support many students, we cannot accommodate every request, nor will your discount cover the entire cost of tuition.
- For students at tuition-charging schools: If you attend an independent school, please inquire with your school regarding their policies on tuition remission and transference of financial aid for your semester. We are happy to provide you with more information or clarification on how to begin these conversations.

TO APPLY

1. Submit this completed Request to Financial Aid Counselor Reily Kennedy, reily@enf.org
2. **Complete the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) Report** online using school code **2919** at: <https://sssandtadsfa.force.com/familyportal>. In order to fairly estimate a family's ability to pay, The Outdoor Academy uses the Parent's Financial Statement (PFS) from School and Student Services (SSS), a platform used by many independent schools. We base our decisions on this Request, your PFS report, and the suitability of the applicant at OA as demonstrated in the application process. We are committed to doing all we can to make enrollment possible for all accepted students.



Flexible Tuition Request

For the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 Semesters

Student's Name _____

Semester applying for: Fall 2025 only Spring 2026 only Either semester/unsure

Parent/Guardian 1 Name _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name _____

Marital status: Married Single parent/guardian Separated Divorced Never married

The comprehensive cost of \$30,000 for one semester at OA includes:

- Tuition, room and board
- Gear loans and wilderness fees
- Tuition Refund Insurance

The only additional expense is a \$200 deposit into a student's "School Store" account for incidental expenses. Any unused balance is refundable at the end of the semester.

Tuition Worksheet: Complete the following table with your best current estimates for the various contributions that will go towards your student's OA tuition.

Source	Contribution
Combined parent/guardian contribution from household assets/earnings <i>OR Parent/Guardian 1 contribution if separate households</i>	
<i>If separate households: contribution from Parent/Guardian 2 household assets/earnings</i>	
Contribution from student's savings/earnings	
Other: Contribution from additional sources including friends and relatives, 529 plans, community fundraising campaigns, etc.	
Tuition Reduction requested from OA	
Total	\$30,000

Please list all potential additional sources of tuition falling in the "Other" category above:

Please share more about the reasons for your need for a reduced tuition below or in a separate document. We will review this alongside the above contribution "Worksheet" and your report from the PFS, so include any and all additional information that could help us best understand your situation and need for financial assistance.