

More Financial Aid Options: Need-Based Financial Assistance

Making an Edgewood education affordable to as many Madison area students as possible has long been a part of the Sinsinawa Dominican mission. Currently, tuition covers about 75% of the actual cost of educating a student. The remaining expenses are subsidized through an aggressive program of fund raising and special events. In a further effort to make the school affordable, Edgewood annually provides a financial aid program to families who qualify for grant monies to help defray the tuition cost. Last year, Edgewood awarded approximately \$500,000 in grants, serving approximately 40% of the student body.

Because funds are limited, the criteria for granting such assistance are based on special need. A variety of circumstances may exist, leaving it up to the individual families to explain their own particular needs. The number of applicants each year also affects the number and amount of financial assistance grants awarded. Financial aid may be granted for up to 50% of tuition. Financial assistance is not renewed automatically each year; an application must be filed annually.

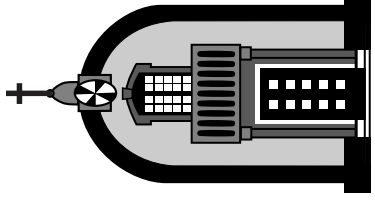
We have been asked by potential parents to justify utilizing resources for high school tuition that instead could be set aside for college. Studies show the impact and value of a secondary education on the intellect and character of a young person far exceed that of a college education and are more enduring. Our hope is that Edgewood graduates will have greater college choices as well as the maturity and motivation to take full advantage of what college has to offer them. In addition, our student services department provides exceptional guidance with the entire college financial assistance process.

In order to qualify for need-based financial assistance at Edgewood, a student's parent(s)/guardian(s) must return a completed financial aid form together with a copy of their most recent IRS Form 1040 and a completed admission application form to the Director of Admissions. The Edgewood business office will not process a financial assistance application without receiving the completed admission application form and the \$150 non-refundable registration fee/deposit (\$250 tuition deposit for freshmen and transfer students). Students must be registered to be considered for a grant.

For more information regarding financial assistance, contact:

Business Manager
Edgewood High School
2219 Monroe Street
Madison, WI 53711

or call
(608) 257-1023, ext. 124



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Trustee Academic Award and Lance Johnson Award Programs

Recognizing Student
Scholarship and Achievement

Education of the Highest Order

When former Wisconsin Governor Cadwallader C. Washburn donated his lakeside estate to the Sinsinawa Dominicans in 1881, he specified that the place always be used for “educational purposes of the highest order.” In keeping with that mandate, Edgewood High School has consistently offered an academically rigorous and values-based education designed to prepare students for college and for life. One of the ways to promote achievement in students is to surround them with peers who share their interests, challenge their abilities and inspire their creativity.

Over the years, Edgewood High School has encouraged exceptionally qualified young scholars to enroll, despite sometimes limited financial means. Our Board of Trustees hopes to further increase the academic quality and diversity of our student population by offering two four-year merit based awards to incoming freshmen.

Trustee Academic Award Program

The Trustee Academic Award recognizes those students who have shown high academic achievement (3.75 or above) throughout middle school, in addition to leadership, volunteer service and extra-curricular involvement. Academic Achievement, including 7th and 8th grade records, standardized test scores, and attendance records account for 80% of the weighted criteria. Extracurricular involvement, recommendation letters and student essay account for another 20% of the application.

Any registered incoming freshman can apply for the TAAP, regardless of financial need. Five freshman students are selected on the above criteria by a scholarship panel and are awarded \$1000 per year for four years, totaling a \$4000 scholarship. Students are eligible for the award renewal each year as long as they maintain a 3.5 GPA and are in good standing with the school.

Lance Johnson Award Program

The Lance Johnson Award has similar criteria to the TAAP award, except the emphasis is more on financial need. Applicants must be registered for freshman year and have submitted a financial aid application* to the business office by the deadline. There is not a GPA requirement, but students' applications are weighed on academic achievement, leadership qualities, volunteer service and financial need. The number of students and the amount of the scholarship depends on the number of applicants. Awards can range from \$500-\$1500 and continue for four years as long as the student remains in good standing.

**Please see the back page for more information on need-based financial assistance.*

The Application Process

Students interested in applying for either or both awards must complete the application form and submit it with a cover letter, academic records, an essay and letters of reference as specified on the application form. Until all materials have been provided, a student's application file is incomplete and will not be considered for the award.

Application files will be reviewed by a panel of administrators, faculty members and guidance personnel.

The deadline for completion of application files is March 31 prior to the fall semester in which the student has registered to attend as a freshman. The review panel will begin evaluating applications after March 31 and award recipients will be notified by May 10.

At the end of each school year, the Awards Panel reviews academic, participatory and behavioral records of award winners and recommends renewal of the award to the Financial Aid Committee. Students' awards are automatically renewed unless a family hears otherwise from the Financial Aid Committee.

Criteria for Award Applications

Academic Achievement

- 7th and 8th grade records
- Wisconsin Assessment Test or Iowa Basic Skills Test scores
- ACT Explore scores (Edgewood's assessment test)
- 8th grade attendance records
- academic awards or recognition

Extra-curricular Involvement

- participation in the fine arts, athletics or other activities
- service and leadership activities
- well-rounded interests and character

Recommendations and Essay

- one letter from a teacher or principal
- one letter from a friend, neighbor, clergy member or employer
- one-page essay by the student as described on application form

Financial Need (Lance Johnson Award only)

APPLICATION FORM



Trustee Academic Award Program

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Home Phone _____

Current School _____

Other Schools and Years in Attendance _____

The deadline for completion of application files is March 31 prior to the fall semester in which the student has registered to attend as a freshman. Obtaining all requested information and ensuring that the application file is complete *is the responsibility of the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s)*. Applications will be reviewed and assessed based on the following criteria: academic achievement (80%), extra-curricular activities (10%) and letters of recommendation and a personal essay (10%). The review panel will begin evaluating applications after March 31 and award recipients will be notified by May 10. The Academic Award is \$1,000. Students selected for the Trustee Academic Award will be reviewed for renewal of the award on an annual basis by the Award Panel. Continuation of the award and renewal are dependent upon the student maintaining a level of academic excellence and exemplary behavior consistent with the school's code of conduct while attending Edgewood High School.

Please check each of these items to be sure that you have submitted a "complete" application file:

- Application form, both sides completed
- Cover letter, written by the student, presenting his/her application
- Copy of results for Wisconsin Assessment Test or Iowa Basic Skills Test
- Copy of results for ACT Explore Test (Edgewood's Assessment Test)
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or principal
- One letter of recommendation from a friend, neighbor, clergy member or employer
- One-page essay written by the student on the topic "How attending Edgewood will be a benefit for me."
- Copies of 7th and 8th grade report cards to date

NOTE:

A complete packet including all materials **MUST** arrive by March 31 in order to have the application considered by the review panel.

Please do not submit incomplete applications.

Applications should be submitted to:

Admissions Office, Edgewood High School, 2219 Monroe Street, Madison WI 53711.
For further information, please contact the Director of Admissions at (608) 257-1023, ext. 131.

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Academic Record and Attendance

*This section must be completed and signed by the student's school principal.
Please attach copies of 7th and 8th grade report cards to date.*

Student's 7th grade g.p.a. (or equivalent) _____

Student's 8th grade g.p.a. (or equivalent) _____

Attendance: Absent this year _____ times Tardy this year _____ times

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

Standardized Test Results

*Please attach copies of **the most recent** test result forms your child's school has on file.*

Wisconsin Assessment Test Composite Score _____ or

Iowa Basic Skills Test Composite Score _____

ACT Explore Test Composite Score _____

Please submit on a separate sheet

Academic Awards and Honors

List special recognition you have received for academic achievement in grades 6-8.

Extra-curricular Activities

- A. List **school related** activities in which you have participated in grades 6-8. Briefly describe the nature of your involvement in each as well as any awards or recognition received. (e.g. "Orchestra, grades 6, 7, 8. Solo award winner in regional competition, grade 7. First chair violinist, grade 8.")
- B. List **non-school related** activities in which you have participated in grades 6-8. Briefly describe the nature of your involvement in each as well as any awards or recognition received.

Volunteer Activities

*List any volunteer service projects you have done in grades 6-8. Briefly describe the nature of your involvement and the approximate number of hours of service **in total** you have accumulated.*

Please submit on a separate sheet

Essay

*Write a one-page essay on
"How attending Edgewood will be a benefit for me."*

APPLICATION FORM



Lance Johnson Award Program

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Home Phone _____

Current School _____

Other Schools and Years in Attendance _____

The deadline for completion of application files is March 31 prior to the fall semester in which the student has registered to attend as a freshman. Obtaining all requested information and ensuring that the application file is complete is the responsibility of the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s). Applications will be reviewed and assessed based on the following criteria: financial need (40%), academic achievement (20%), extra-curricular activities (20%) and letters of recommendation and a personal essay (20%). The review panel will begin evaluating applications after March 31 and award recipients will be notified by May 10. The number of students and the amount of the scholarship depends on the number of applicants. Awards can range from \$500-\$1500. Students selected for the Lance Johnson Award will be reviewed for renewal of the award on an annual basis by the Award Panel. Continuation of the award and renewal are dependent upon the student maintaining a 3.0 GPA and behavior consistent with the school's code of conduct while attending Edgewood High School.

Please check each of these items to be sure that you have submitted a "complete" application file:

- Application form, both sides completed
- Cover letter, written by the student, presenting his/her application
- Copy of results for ACT Explore Test (Edgewood's Assessment Test)
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or principal
- One letter of recommendation from a friend, neighbor, clergy member or employer
- One-page essay written by the student on the topic "How attending Edgewood will be a benefit for me."
- Copies of 7th and 8th grade report cards to date

NOTE:

A complete packet including all materials **MUST** arrive by March 31 in order to have the application considered by the review panel.

Please do not submit incomplete applications.

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Financial Need (40%)

Making an Edgewood education affordable to as many Madison area students as possible has long been a part of the Sinsinawa Dominican mission. Because need-based funds are limited, financial need is only a part (40%) of the criteria for this award.

For this application file to be considered complete, you must have already submitted an application for financial assistance to the Business Office by March 31st. The Awards Panel will not see or review this application; however they will receive a “need” number from the Business Office to be used in this application file.

Academic Record and Attendance (20%)

*This section must be completed and signed by the student’s school principal.
Please attach copies of 7th and 8th grade report cards to date.*

Student’s 7th grade g.p.a. (or equivalent) _____

Student’s 8th grade g.p.a. (or equivalent) _____

Attendance: Absent this year ____ times Tardy this year ____ times

Principal’s Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit on a separate sheet

Extra-curricular Activities (20%)

- A. List **school related** activities in which you have participated in grades 6-8. Briefly describe the nature of your involvement in each as well as any awards or recognition received. (e.g. “Volleyball, grades 7 and 8. Orchestra, grades 6, 7, 8. Solo award winner in regional competition, grade 7. First chair violinist, grade 8.”)*
- B. List **non-school related** activities in which you have participated in grades 6-8. Briefly describe the nature of your involvement in each as well as any awards or recognition received.*
- C. List any volunteer service projects you have done in grades 6-8. Briefly describe the nature of your involvement and the approximate number of service hours worked*

Please submit on a separate sheet

Essay (20%)

Write a one-page essay on

“How attending Edgewood will be a benefit for me.”