



***Investing in Your Child's Future:***

***Grant, Scholarship and  
Referral Programs***

***2011-2012 School Year***

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Dear Parents,

We know you want the best education for your child, and we believe that Wisconsin International School is the educational option in our community that can meet that high expectation. Our students have scored among the best in the nation in EXPLORE (pre-ACT) and ERB standardized tests. Our Spanish program is exceptional based on our performance at the recent oral competition in Milwaukee. WIS students have stood on the winners' stage at the last two Einstein Science Fairs to receive awards. As our school grows, we compete among our contemporaries with confidence and results. We couldn't do any of this without our exceptional teachers, small class sizes and daily foreign language.

We recognize the pressure tuition costs put on families' spending decisions, especially with the current economic situation. The Board of Directors has allocated additional dollars to make the re-enrollment decision easier for our enrolled families. We are also hoping to attract new families with new programs developed to make tuition dollars go further.

School communities are vibrant and thriving when the students and families represent the range of economic, social and ethnic households from the wider community. From the onset of the school's history, diversity has been embraced as part of our mission and daily practice.

We are pleased to offer the following programs:

**WIS Tuition Assistance Grants**  
**WIS Merit Scholarships**

These programs have been designed to put economic diversity into practice.

1. To enable current families to re-enroll, and continue their children's education in an outstanding learning environment.
2. To encourage new students and their families to consider WIS thus enabling greater diversity and opportunities at WIS.

Details of the programs follow. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Head of School.

Respectfully yours,

The Board of Directors and Stanley Way, Head of School

### **WIS Tuition Assistance Grants**

1. For families with annual income of \$100,000 or less and assets of less than \$175,000, the need-based tuition assistance grant is the strategy to enable enrollment.
2. Although these grants do not need to be repaid, need-based families must re-apply each year by completing the On-line Tuition Assistance Application and submitting their federal tax form of the previous year.
3. The WIS Tuition Assistance Committee will review all of the requests and begin awarding grants in early April. Later applications are welcome and will be considered given the funds available.
4. Tuition Assistance Grants underwrite enrollment for elementary and middle school students and families with multiple children of which one or more are enrolling in elementary or middle school (K-8).

### **WIS Merit Scholarships**

1. For families with an annual income of \$150,000 or less and assets of less than \$300,000, the WIS Merit Scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$5000 per child, are available.
2. The student for whom the merit scholarship would be given must be in good academic standing or demonstrate academic potential as determined by the Head of School during the admissions process for new enrollees. Also IB (International Baccalaureate) attitudes such as tolerance, respect, integrity and commitment must be displayed on a regular basis.
3. Although these scholarships do not need to be repaid, families must re-apply each year by completing the On-line Tuition Assistance Application and submitting their federal tax form of the previous year.
4. Priority will be given to students who are re-applying for the scholarships and who are in good standing academically and behaviorally.
5. The Tuition Assistance Committee may award a combination of scholarship and grant money in cases of multiple children being enrolled.
6. For households enrolling three or more children, the annual income level rises to \$190,000 and assets at \$500,000 or less to be eligible for a WIS Merit Scholarship.



## **Case Studies using WIS Merit Scholarships and Tuition Assistance:**

Below are three case studies that are meant to provide you with some general examples of families at the Wisconsin International School and how we made it affordable for them. Please note that that each family's financial situation, application and award is unique and that these case studies are meant solely for informational purposes.

### **Case Study # 1:**

A family has one child, both parents work with a combined family income of \$49,750. Their child will attend WIS as a fourth grader. The family owns their home and has \$1,200 in savings. For the 2011-12 school year, the family will receive a tuition assistance grant of \$7,000 towards tuition. This family will pay a total of \$2,510 this year in school fees, which they are choosing to pay out over six months at about \$380 per month.

### **Case Study #2:**

A family has two children, both parents work and their combined income is \$91,200. Their oldest child is a seventh grader and their youngest is a kindergarten student. The family owns their home and has home equity and non-retirement account assets of \$77,400. They have \$6,238 in savings. For the 2011-12 school year, the family will receive two tuition assistance grants totaling \$11,780. The total family contribution will be \$6,795. They are choosing to pay a 10% deposit with the contract and two other payments, one on July 15 and the second on November 15.

### **Case Study # 3:**

A family has three children and one parent is currently working with an income of \$159,044. This family owns three cars, has \$7,900 in liquid assets and currently has \$126,500 in home equity in their home. Their oldest child is a third grader, the second will be in first grade, and youngest will be joining our 4K program for half days. The two older children have demonstrated strong academic abilities and are great community members in their classes and in the school. For the 2011-12 school year, this family will receive \$6,000 in merit scholarships and \$5,350 in tuition assistance, given they have three children. Their adjusted school bill comes to 53% of the full rate or \$13,010. They will be making their payments over the months from April to November.

Wisconsin International School, LTD admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.