



# Darlington School

## 2012-2013 Financial Aid Application Procedure

### NEW FAMILIES

Families of prospective students for admission to Darlington School may apply for financial aid beginning Nov. 8, 2011. To be eligible for financial aid at Darlington School, you must have successfully completed the admission process.

We employ School and Student Services (SSS) to process our financial aid applications. SSS is a service of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). All parents will be asked to complete the Parent's Financial Statement (PFS) and submit it online at [www.sss.nais.org](http://www.sss.nais.org).

Based on the financial information you provide, SSS provides an estimated amount your family can contribute to educational expenses. This allows Darlington School to make fair and objective financial aid decisions. To begin your financial aid application for the 2012-13 enrollment year, please follow the steps below.

### ONLINE

1. After Nov. 8, 2011 begin the process at [www.sss.nais.org](http://www.sss.nais.org).
2. Click on the prompt to begin your Parent's Financial Statement (PFS), where you will be given Instructions on how to return to your secure information, along with a username and password.
3. Once all requested information is complete and accurate, please submit your PFS.
4. Families must provide Darlington School a copy of their 2010 tax return (1040 and all schedules) along with copies of your 2010 W-2's. Also, submit copies of your 2011 tax return, once available.
5. Applying for financial aid does not guarantee that you will be eligible for aid. Nor does being eligible guarantee there will be sufficient financial aid available. The amount of aid offered by the school depends on your family's financial circumstances, the school's available financial aid funds and its policies. Once you have completed the above process, financial aid decisions will be mailed with your admission decision.

### CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT

All information provided to establish need is held in strict confidence by Darlington School; likewise, we request the specifics of your award package be kept confidential.