



October 2016

Dear Families,

We are delighted to announce that we are now accepting applications for financial aid for the 2017-2018 school year. We are partnering with School and Student Services (SSS) by NAIS in our financial aid process. To begin your financial aid application, you will complete SSS's Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). The Educational Alliance Preschool is registered with SSS with the school code **9120**.

The PFS is a comprehensive application that will take some time to complete. You'll need your most recent tax return before beginning the PFS. For detailed instructions, please see the document attached to this email. We also recommend that you review the wide range of materials that SSS has put together to help families with the financial aid process. They can be found at [sssynais.org/parents](http://sssynais.org/parents).

We will communicate our financial aid decision to you in February 2017.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline Marks".

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## HOW TO COMPLETE THE PARENTS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PFS) ONLINE

- Go to [ssbynais.org/parents](http://ssbynais.org/parents).
- Create your PFS Online account with your email address and a password.
- Begin a PFS for Academic Year 2017-18. You can log out of the PFS Online at any time, then return later to complete it.
- After you have pressed submit, you'll be directed to a payment screen. The Educational Alliance Preschool has purchased fee waivers for all families applying for financial aid this year. If you have not yet been assigned a waiver, please email [preschool@mannycantor.org](mailto:preschool@mannycantor.org) and request one. Do not pay the fee of \$47, as it is nonrefundable. Once your PFS is submitted, it cannot be withdrawn from the SSS system.
- After you submit your PFS and are assigned a few waiver, you'll have access in the PFS Online to a section called "My Documents." You can upload the additional documents we require there.



## HOW TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ONLINE

- Prepare your documents to be uploaded. Make sure the documents are on your computer, each saved as a separate file. Remove any security or password protection from your document files.
- Return to the PFS Online and login.
- Select the Academic Year 2017-18 button.
- From the PFS Online, click on the "My Documents" tab.
- On the "My Documents" page, you will see an upload button or a hyperlink next to a specific document name in the "Required Documents" section of the PFS. Clicking either the upload button or a hyperlink will lead you through a series of steps allowing you to name, locate and save the file.
- Once you have uploaded a document, the date will appear in the "Date Uploaded" column within minutes of the upload. Some tax documents go through a verification process. It can take up to 48 hours for the verification process to complete.

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If you wish to submit submitting required documents by mail, send to School and Student Services, PO Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449. For overnight service, use: SSS by NAIS, Application Processing Center, 15 Dan Road, Suite 102, Canton, MA 02021. **If you need help completing the PFS, contact SSS customer service at (800) 344-8328.**

## HERE'S KEY INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR SCHOOL AS YOU COMPLETE THE PFS:

Our school's full name: **Educational Alliance Preschool** Our school's SSS code: **9120**

Contact information for our financial aid office: Louis Hamlyn-Harris at **646-395-4253** or [preschool@mannycantor.org](mailto:preschool@mannycantor.org)

Due date for completing the PFS: **12/16/2016**. Due date for submitting additional documents from 2014 (see below): **12/16/2016**. Documents we require you to submit, in addition to the PFS, by **12/16/2016**:

2015 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ     2015 W2 Form     Schedule C (if applicable)     1099 Form (if applicable)

