

Question: What formula is used to determine scholarships for the students at A2OCA? How many students are presently on scholarship?

Answer: Parents who request tuition assistance are asked to submit their federal tax documents. If the family lives below the poverty line, virtually a full scholarship is provided. All families must pay SOME tuition, even if living below the poverty line. If the family lives above, but near the poverty line, a conversation takes place with the parents to see what they can reasonably pay based on the reality of their financial situation and that of the school's: we do not have a wealthy benefactor backstopping our debt and thus we must pay our teachers from tuition revenues. Therefore, these conversations tend to be somewhat challenging, as the family generally would like to pay as little as possible due to their financial situation, and the school, although sympathetic to this reality, has its own reality that it needs tuition revenues to exist. In the future, as the school grows, this process will likely be executed by a third party that specializes in scholarship decisions and processes.