



FUND FOR AURORA - FAQ

Why are parents asked to make a donation in addition to paying tuition?

Aurora strives to keep tuition as affordable as possible. Like other independent schools, we rely on a combination of tuition, tax-deductible Fund gifts, and our other fundraising efforts to assist with annual operating costs.

Parents and guardians are the most important donor group as they have the most significant opportunity to contribute to their child's education, developmental progress, and the vitality of Aurora. The strength of an annual fund can be a defining characteristic of any learning community and each gift, large or small, makes a difference in the lives of our students, families, faculty, and staff.

Doesn't tuition cover all costs at Aurora?

Unfortunately, no. Tuition covers most operating costs, but the Fund helps close the gap between tuition and other expenses. In order to provide a consistent and full academic program, facility improvements, and professional workshops and training for our faculty, we rely on current parents, parents of alumni, grandparents, and friends to all help support Aurora.

Are gifts to the Fund considered tax-deductible contributions?

Yes! Aurora is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all contributions to the Fund are tax-deductible.

What am I expected to contribute?

Every gift is important and appreciated, regardless of size. We encourage each family to determine the amount that works best for them. Our goal for the Fund is 100% parent participation. Your gift supports Aurora's mission to nurture each child's love of learning by cultivating academic excellence, emotional intelligence, and social engagement.

Does Aurora accept matching gifts from companies?

Yes! We are the grateful recipients of corporate matching gifts every year. Please contact your employer's Human Resources Department to find out if they offer a matching gift program. This could double your gift amount to Aurora!

What does the Fund provide for Aurora?

Annual Fund gifts supplement the school's annual operating budget. Previous years' gifts have funded:

- Technology
- Classroom Furniture
- Professional Development
- Parent Education
- Art Supplies
- Musical Instruments
- STEM Supplies and Curriculum
- Woodshop Supplies
- Diversity Mission
- Emergency Safety Supplies