

## **Frequently Asked Questions for Admissions**

### **How do I apply to Pinewood?**

The first step in applying to Pinewood is to arrange a personalized tour or phone conference to discuss our programs and curriculum in depth. This is a very important part of the process as we are not only looking for mission-appropriate students, we are seeking parent partners for their child's education.

### **What is the minimum age to attend preschool (PK2, PK3 and PK4)?**

The date of birth cutoff is **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### **Does my child need to take any specific testing to gain admissions?**

The admission staff may conduct additional testing if the records do not provide sufficient information, or if we need to reassess a prospective student's readiness.

Preschool and kindergarten eligibility is based on skill assessment that the admission staff conducts, and by the teacher during his/her shadow day. It should be noted that records or a phone interview with a previous preschool are also a part of the process at this grade level.

### **Do you require letters of recommendation?**

Yes. We require teacher recommendations from the student's previous/current Math and English teacher(s). The completed forms are confidential; and the teacher(s) will be directed to email completed recommendation forms directly to the Admissions Office.

Pinewood will provide the Teacher Recommendation Form.

NOTE: If one teacher covers both subjects, please submit the form to an additional core subject teacher.

### **What is the application fee?**

\$75.00. This fee is waived for alumni and active military families.

### **When is the application deadline?**

It is highly recommended to complete an application by **January 1<sup>st</sup>** for the following school year. The re-enrollment deadline for current families is March 1 of every year. After that, we make admission decisions for new applicants based on available space.

### **Do you meet everyone who applies?**

Yes. We require a tour at the onset of the process where we meet with the prospective families and welcome their child(ren) to attend. If the family prefers to tour without their child(ren), then we will meet the student(s) through his/her shadow day or for Lower School, the assessment day.

**Do you offer tours or Open Houses or Shadow Days?**

Yes. We typically have a Lower School Open House in February ([click here](#) for school calendar). For middle and high school, we schedule shadow days on a rolling basis by timing of the application. Lower school applicants attend an assessment day in March.

**Can parents have a tour before submitting an application?**

Yes. We strongly recommend a tour or at least a phone conference prior to submitting an application.

**What materials complete an application?**

The tour, [online application](#), prior school records (including testing, discipline and attendance), shadow/assessment day, and possible additional testing.

**What is the tuition?**

[Click here for tuition and payment plans.](#)

**Do you offer Financial Aid?**

Yes, for families that demonstrate a clear financial need. Please [click here](#) to learn more about our financial aid process.

**Is there a bus service provided?**

We do not provide bus transportation to and from campus, but many of our families carpool. We do have buses for field trips, and off-campus athletic team and performing arts events.

**Is there an after-school program?**

Yes. Pinewood has both after-school and before-school care for students in our Lower School; and for students in grades 6-9. [Click here](#) for more information.