

How to Apply for Financial Aid

The Application Process

Avenues has partnered with Clarity Tuition in our financial aid process for the 2024–25 academic year. Clarity offers a streamlined platform for families to share secure financial information, and for Avenues to assess a family's demonstrated financial need. Our goal is to make the process as easy as possible for your family. Most families can complete the Clarity application in less than 30 minutes. It is mobile-friendly, your 1040 and W2 will automatically be transferred from the IRS. The application does not need to be completed in a single sitting; you can always save your progress and return later.

Avenues will communicate our financial aid decision to you. To make our decision, we use the information from the Clarity application as a starting point but also consider our school policy, practices, and available budget. To review Avenues financial aid policy, please visit our website.

How to Complete the Clarity Financial Aid Application Online

- Go to the [Clarity application](#), and create your account.
- Begin by entering your household and applicant information.
- Select **Avenues New York** as a recipient school.
- Sign and submit Form 4506c to give Clarity permission to request your 2022 taxes directly from the IRS. Your 1040 and W2s will automatically upload for you with the 4506c form. (This process is similar to the FAFSA federal college financial aid application and is fast and secure.) **The address information in this section must exactly match the address listed on your most recent Form 1040. If your current address does not match the one listed on your most recent Form 1040, please indicate that your address has changed in the last two years.**
- Complete the financial entries using your 2022 taxes and your best estimate for 2023.
- Business owners should check the “Documents Requests” and upload the K1 and business taxes.
- The application fee is \$60 and covers all the Clarity schools to which you are applying.

Additional Tips for Successful Completion

- Gather your 2022 1040, W2 or 1099/K1 (if applicable), your mortgage or rental information, any asset account balances and credit card statements so you have the information you need at your fingertips.
- Share your family's story. The Financial Aid Committee carefully reviews all the financial information you provide, please be sure to explain your family's unique situation. It is helpful to share any recent changes in family status or significant financial adjustments from year to year. Note sections throughout the application are available to you.
- Itemize your “out of pocket expenses” to include 2022 expenses that were not listed in the previous sections. Examples include legal fees, funeral expenses, tutoring, club fees, athletic camps, music or art lessons, family vacations or travel expenses.
- Automatic fee waivers are applied to those families who qualify. Clarity uses family size, income, and asset information in the application to assess a family's situation and eligibility.

Key Information

- Our school's full name: **Avenues New York**
- Contact information for our financial aid office: Sarah Edwards, sarah.edwards@avenues.org
- Due dates for completing the financial aid application and submitting additional documents:
 - **Returning Families: October 25, 2023**
 - **New Students applying First Choice Round: November 20, 2023**
 - **New Students applying Regular Notification: January 11, 2024**
- Family Support: Available in English and Spanish; the application itself is also fully translated into Spanish using the drop-down in the lower left corner.
 - In-app support through the “Help” button in the lower left corner
 - support@claritytuition.com or 206-210-3752