

Finance Handbook

2024-2025

A GUIDE FOR GRAY ACADEMY FAMILIES



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About Gray Academy

Gray Academy provides students with exceptional opportunities to learn, grow and excel in a warm Jewish community environment. Our emphasis on academic excellence gives students the knowledge and critical thinking skills they need to succeed and thrive. Our values-based approach encourages every child to develop compassion, respect, love of community and a strong sense of Jewish identity.

A Gray Academy education is a valuable investment in your child's academic, spiritual, social and personal development. It is a partnership between Gray Academy, our community and the many families who entrust us with the care and nurturing of their children.

Together with the community, Gray Academy strives to make the Jewish day school experience accessible to all children and to ensure no family is ever turned away because of inability to pay the full Parental Contribution.

About the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education

The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education (WBJE) is the primary policy-making body for Gray Academy of Jewish Education. Comprised of dedicated volunteers with varied professional expertise and community experience, the WBJE provides policy guidance and operational oversight of Gray Academy, ensuring the strength, sustainability and long-term legacy of Winnipeg's only Jewish day school. The WBJE ensures Gray Academy's mission is fulfilled and supports the school's leadership in maintaining the highest standards of academic excellence and Jewish values.

The WBJE is responsible for setting financial policies that maintain Gray Academy's financial security and infrastructure. If you are interested in learning more about the WBJE and about financial activities at Gray Academy, our recent Annual Reports are available anytime on our [website](#).

About the Financial Handbook

The Financial Handbook is designed to help families understand their Parental Contribution, available financial supports, the school's financial policies and more. The Handbook is a useful resource as you apply, re-enroll and plan for your child's educational journey at Gray Academy.

In the handbook, you will find:

- an overview of how the school operates;
- information about the Parental Contribution for each student, including payment schedules, payment options and payment responsibilities;
- specifics on deposits and student fees for each student;
- fees for late enrollment, late applicants and withdrawals;
- additional school expenses besides the Parental Contribution;
- information on financial supports for families;
- details and costs of our Visiting International Student program;
- charitable giving at Gray Academy.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE

The information in this Handbook is updated annually to reflect the most up to date costs. It is provided as a guide and is subject to change without notice.

Partnerships and Community Support

As a funded independent school in Manitoba, the operational costs associated with educating and caring for each student is a partnership between our families and the Government of Manitoba. Contributions from generous community donors help fund bursaries and programs that make a Gray Academy education accessible to more families in our community.

Operational cost per student

- The **Parental Contribution** for each child covers approximately two-thirds of the operational cost per student.
- **Funding from the Province** for each child in Kindergarten through Grade 12 covers approximately one-third of the operational cost per student.

We are grateful to the Government of Manitoba, as not every province in Canada receives this valuable support for Jewish day school education.

Bursaries and special programs

- **As a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg**, Gray Academy receives an annual allocation of approximately \$1 million, which goes directly to our bursary program.
- **Donations, grants and proceeds from our Endowment fund**, held at the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, support our bursary program, special programming and projects.

Your Parental Contribution

The Parental Contribution is the portion parents/guardians are required to pay for each child they enroll at Gray Academy. For students in Kindergarten to Grade 12, your Parental Contribution covers approximately two-thirds of the operational cost per student, while the remaining one-third is covered by the Government of Manitoba. Since Junior Kindergarten is not mandatory in Manitoba, parents are responsible for the full operational cost per student in Junior Kindergarten at Gray Academy.

Kindergarten to Grade 12 Parental Contribution

For the 2024-2025 school year, the Parental Contribution per child is:

First and second child – \$13,200 per child;
Third and additional children – \$8,650 per child.

Your Parental Contribution includes:

- all textbooks and course materials;
- use of a locker and lock for the year (Grade 4 and up);
- use of a school Chromebook for the year (Grades 3-4);
- milestone programs such as Grade 1 *Chaggigat HaSiddur*, Grade 2 *Chaggigat HaTorah*, Grade 3 Virtual Voyage to Israel and many more;
- EAL (English as an Additional Language) classes, Hebrew language and Resource support;
- lunch hour clubs and activities;
- participation in intramural athletics and local inter-school sports;
- participation in band, school musicals and debating programs;
- use of outdoor sports equipment and the Gray Academy-Tough Duck Ice Rink for Phys Ed and optional skills workshops during winter months;
- family membership to the Kaufman/Silverberg Library.

Junior Kindergarten

Gray Academy offers three Junior Kindergarten program options for children ages 3 and 4. Gray Academy does not receive any operational funding from the Government of Manitoba for Junior Kindergarten students.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the Junior Kindergarten Parental Contribution per child is:

- Morning Only (8:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) – \$4,925
- Morning Plus the Lunch Period (8:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) – \$6,275
- Full Day (8:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) – \$10,975

Making Your Parental Contribution Payments

Statements of Account are emailed to all families in the spring prior to the new school year. The statement will include the balance owing for the Parental Contribution for your family. If you opt for Extended Hours and Supervision programs for children in JK-Grade 6 (see details below), the fees for these programs will be included on your statement. If you choose to contribute a charitable gift at the time of enrollment, your donation will be included on your statement.

You have two options for scheduling the payment(s) or your Parental Contribution:

1. **Pay in full** - your Parental Contribution may be paid in full, all at once, by September 1 using any one of the following payment methods:
 - **Credit Card** online at [Plastiq](#). IMPORTANT: Plastiq is a third-party credit card processing service provider. Fees will apply based on the type of credit card used. Some financial institutions may consider Plastiq services as a cash advance. Check with your financial institution or [plastiq.com](#) for more information.
 - **E-transfer** to finances@grayacademy.ca. IMPORTANT: Please type the first and last name(s) of all children in the message/notes area. No password is required.

- **Cheque** made out to Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, addressed to the Gray Academy Finance Department.
 - **Securities** transferred from your investment portfolio. If you would like to pay using this method, please contact the Finance Department for details and next steps.
2. **Monthly payments** - your Parental Contributions may be paid in 10 monthly installments by pre-authorized debit:
- Monthly payments will be debited from your bank account on the first business day of each month from September to June each school year.
 - No interest or service charges apply.
 - Banking information must be provided to the Finance Department by May 31. Enrollment is not complete until banking information is on file.

Paying the Deposit and Student Fee

Your commitment to (re-)enrollment allows our administration to plan efficiently for the next school year, including the hiring of teachers and support staff, ordering of textbooks and supplies and development of elective courses and class lists. For these reasons, a deposit and student fee for each child are due annually at the time of (re-)enrollment.

- A deposit of \$400 per child and a student fee of \$150 per child (\$75 for half-day Junior Kindergarten) are due at the time of (re-)enrollment.
- Both the deposit and student fee are non-refundable.
- The deposit is applied toward the total Parental Contribution for the year for each child.
- The student fee, which is charged over and above the Parental Contribution, covers special programs (speakers, etc.), Kabbalat Shabbat, holiday programming (meals, treats, etc.), field trips and yearbooks.
- Your child(ren)'s classroom placement is not guaranteed until your deposit(s) and student fee(s) are paid.

We offer **three options** for paying your enrollment deposit(s) and student fees). Families with more than one child (re-)enrolling, are welcome to make one payment for all children in one transaction via:

1. **E-transfer** to the Gray Academy Finance Department at finances@grayacademy.ca.
IMPORTANT: Please type the first and last name of all children in the Message/Notes area of your transaction so we know whom the payment is for.
2. **Credit card** at [Plastiq](#). IMPORTANT: Please enter your last name in the field that requests your account number. A third-party processing fee applies to all credit card transactions. This amount varies depending on the credit card and the fees charged by the issuing financial institution.
3. **Cheque** payable to the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education and addressed to the Gray Academy Finance Department.
4. **Pre-authorized payment** to be added to your next scheduled school payment for families who currently pay monthly (re-enrollment only).

Late (Re-) Enrollment Fees

The policy is designed to encourage families to (re-)enroll for the coming year by the deadline. This late enrollment fee helps to emphasize the importance of timely (re-) enrollment to ensure adequate time for planning and priority space for current students.

The following additional late fees are charged for all enrollments received after the due date, over and above the Parental Contribution amount owing for each child:

- (re-)enrollment received on or before February 29, 2024: **no additional fee;**
- (re-)enrollment received March 1 - March 31, 2024: **\$150 late fee;**
- (re-)enrollment received after March 31, 2024: **\$250 late fee.**

Deposit and Student Fee for Late Applicants

Gray Academy has a rolling admissions policy, which means new students are welcome to apply for admission anytime during the school year, if space is available.

Any family applying after September 29, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year must:

- make the commitment to re-enroll for the 2025-26 school year at the time of application;
- pay a non-refundable deposit of \$800 and a student fee of \$300 per child before the student will be accepted.

Responsibility for Parental Contribution Payments

By enrolling their child(ren) at Gray Academy, parents/guardians accept responsibility for paying the total Parental Contribution amount owing for their child(ren) for the full school year.

Missed Payments

We understand circumstances may arise that could impact a family's ability to make payments, as scheduled at the beginning of the school year. If you encounter such difficulties, please contact our Finance Department immediately to discuss your situation and make alternate arrangements. With open communication, we will do all we can to help.

Missing any payment **without making acceptable arrangements** with the Finance Department may result in:

- student(s) prohibited from attending classes or participating in any school activities;
- school withholding report cards and/or transcripts;
- student(s) prohibited from re-enrolling for the next school year.

Overdue Accounts

Accounts past due for more than 30 days will accrue interest of 1.5%, compounded monthly in arrears on the first day of each month (equivalent to annual interest of 19.56%). Until all unpaid balances are paid, your child(ren) will not be permitted to re-enroll for the next school year.

Separated/Divorced Parents or Guardians

When any two-parent (or two-guardian) family enrolls their child(ren) at Gray Academy, both parents/guardians are equally responsible to the WBJE for all school payments, including the deposit, student fee and Parental Contribution, even if the parents/guardians are separated or divorced from each other.

- If you are separated or divorced, you are welcome to divide your school payments any way you wish between both parents.
- If you have a signed separation agreement or final divorce decree outlining specific payment responsibilities for each parent, we recommend providing a copy of the agreement to the Gray Academy Finance Department to ensure we are fully aware of your payment arrangements.
- Separated or divorced parents/guardians wishing to apply for Bursary Assistance are welcome to do so together or individually.

Dishonoured Payments

Accounts will be charged a **\$40 administration fee** for any payment rejected by a financial institution.

School Closure

In the history of our school, circumstances have arisen that have forced a closure of our school building. In 1989, for example, the building of our founding High School was damaged severely by fire. In 2020, we were mandated by the Government of Manitoba to close the school building in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

In the event of a full or partial closure, the school is equipped to proceed with the Gray Away remote learning program. Parental Contribution payments would proceed as planned and are non-refundable.

Student Expulsion

Every time a student is (re-)enrolled at Gray Academy, the students and parents/guardians accept and agree to abide by Gray Academy's Code of Conduct and all policies set by the WBJE. Gray Academy reserves the right to expel any student if that student and/or the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) are in serious breach of the Code of Conduct and/or any school policy. In the **extremely rare** event that a student is expelled, for any reason, at any point during the school year, parents/guardians are responsible for paying the total amount of their Parental Contribution for the full school year.

Withdrawal Fees

Each year, the WBJE budgets and plans for staffing and operations for the school year based on completed enrollments. Should any student(s) withdraw part way through the year, withdrawal fees defray a portion of these costs.

Written Notice

If you wish to withdraw your child(ren) from Gray Academy, you must provide written notice to the Admissions Department directly. Neither verbal notification nor written notification to any other individual or department at the school will be accepted as formal notification of withdrawal.

Fee Schedule

Below is the schedule of withdrawal fees for the 2024-2025 school year. Under no circumstances will deposit(s) and/or student fee(s) be refunded if enrollment is withdrawn, as these are non-refundable.

Prior to April 1, 2024:

- the school retains the non-refundable deposit and student fee for each student.

April 1 – May 31, 2024:

- the school retains the non-refundable deposit and student fee for each student;
- a withdrawal fee of **\$500 per student** is due.

June 1 – August 31, 2024:

- the school retains the non-refundable deposit and student fee for each student;
- a withdrawal fee of **\$500 per student** is due;
- the **first month of Parental Contribution per student** is due.

September 2024 – June 2025

Should a student(s) withdraw at any time during the school year:

- the school retains the non-refundable deposit and student fee for each student;
- a withdrawal fee of **\$500 per student** is due;
- Parental Contribution for each student **for the month of withdrawal** is due;
- Parental Contribution for **an additional four months** is due.

Tax Deductibility

In accordance with Canada Revenue Agency laws, Parental Contributions for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 may qualify as a charitable donation on your income tax return. Contributions for students in Junior Kindergarten (and fees for Gray Academy Extended Hours and Supervision programs) may qualify as childcare expenses on your Canadian income tax return.

Please consult a tax professional for specific details and deduction information for your family.

Additional Costs for Families

Chromebook/Device

- School-owned devices are provided to all students in Grades 3 & 4.
- Grade 5-12 students must provide their own device for in-class use and homework.
- We have a limited supply of Chromebooks available for students to borrow from the school library when required.
- NOTE: damage to or loss of a school-owned Chromebook will result in repair or replacement charges to the student's family.

Co-curricular Experiences

Several grades in our school participate in special annual experiences that take place outside regular school hours – sometimes outside the city – and support in-class learning. The estimated costs of participation in these programs are not included in your Parental Contribution and are payable at the time of registration for each individual program.

We make every effort to keep these costs as low as possible through grants, fundraising, scholarships and other subsidy activities. We also work with every family to ensure **no student is excluded** from a co-curricular program for financial reasons. Information on how to access financial support for each program is provided at the time of program registration.

Examples of co-curricular programming and APPROXIMATE costs:

Kindergarten Family Shabbat Dinner	\$65
Grade 5 Overnight at Camp Massad	\$120
Grade 6 Shabbaton at school	\$125
Grade 7 Overnight Outdoor Education Trip to BB Camp	\$275
Grade 8 Spirit Weekend	\$235
Grade 9 Spirit Weekend	\$235
Grade 9 Holocaust Studies Trip to Washington, D.C.	\$350
<i>Generously subsidized by the Asper Foundation</i>	
Grades 10-12 Jewish Awareness Retreat	\$320
Grade 12 Graduation Festivities	\$900
<i>Grad Shabbat, Progressive Dinner, Dinner/Dance and Convocation</i>	

Additional co-curricular opportunities

From time to time during the school year, students are offered opportunities to take part in special programming such as national or international athletic tournaments, debate tournaments or conferences that take place outside the city. These programs are optional and anticipated expenses include costs for travel, hotels, meals and tournament participation.

Information about these opportunities is made available as early as possible to give parents/guardians the opportunity to make decisions and plans regarding participation. Payment for these programs would be due at the time of registration. Information about possible opportunities for financial support for participation would be made available together with registration details.

Extended Hours and Supervision (Optional)

We understand some families may need to drop their children off a little earlier in the morning, pick them up a little later at the end of the day or rely on supervised programming on days when there is no school for students, including In-Service days and Jewish holidays.

- Families with children in JK-Grade 6 have the option to register for Supervision before and/or after school, as well as In-Service/Holiday programs.
- The costs of these programs are not included in the annual Parental Contribution.
- Space in Supervision Programs is limited; early registration is recommended.
- Schedules and fees for Extended Hours and Supervision programs are made available in the spring.
- In the meantime, you can [click here](#) to see information about early drop-off, late pick-up, extended hours and full-day supervision programs for the current school year to have an idea of schedules and costs.
- Participating families will receive childcare tax receipts in February for all Extended Hours and Supervision programs attended during the previous calendar year. Please speak to a tax professional about how these receipts may be used when filing your Canadian taxreturn.

Lunch and Challah Program (Optional)

In most school years, parents/guardians have opportunities to order kosher hot lunches for their children on selected school days, as well as weekly Shabbat challah and other kosher baked goods to take home. Details on these programs, including selections, costs and ordering instructions are made available at the beginning of the school year.

Our lunch and challah programs are run by the Gray Academy Parent Association (GAPA). A portion of proceeds from lunches and challah orders go back to GAPA to help fund additional expenditures, such as teacher appreciation initiatives and enhanced holiday programming and treats for students.

School Supplies

- Families are required to provide school supplies for each child every year.
- In June, the school provides families with a list, by grade, of required supplies.
- Families with children in Grades 1 through 6 can purchase their own supplies or enjoy the convenience of ordering a Gray Academy school supply pack, which is packaged and ready for each child on the first day of school. Depending on the grade, school supply packs range in price from \$60-\$100+.
- Families with children in Grade 7 and up are required to purchase their own supplies.

Student Fee

- A non-refundable student fee of \$150 per child (\$75 for half-day Junior Kindergarten) is due at the time of (re)-enrollment.
- The student fee, which is charged over and above the Parental Contribution, covers special programs (speakers, etc.), Kabbalat Shabbat, holiday programming (meals, treats, etc.), field trips and yearbooks.

Tzedakah

At Gray Academy, the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* – charitable giving – is essential to student learning at every age and stage. When we engage in *tzedakah* activities at school, we lead with lessons on community needs and our Jewish obligation to give to others.

Supporting Local and International Charities

Throughout the school year, students and their families have opportunities to contribute funds and/or donate items such as non-perishable food, toys, gently used winter clothing and more to a range of local and international causes, including the Children’s Hospital Foundation, Jewish Child and Family Service, Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, JNF Canada, Manitoba Harvest, Main Street Project, Siloam Mission, the Terry Fox Foundation and many others.

Casual Day for a Cause

On the last Friday of every month, students enjoy Casual Day for a Cause – a day when they are permitted to leave their uniform at home and wear a school-appropriate outfit of their choice in exchange for a contribution of \$2 or a donated item to our charity of the month.

Uniforms

- At Gray Academy, all students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 are required to come to school each day in uniform.
- Families are responsible for ordering and purchasing uniforms directly from our supplier, Top Marks.
- Families are required to purchase predominantly black shoes for daily wear, as well as athletic shoes for Phys Ed classes.
- While costs will vary depending upon which uniform pieces you choose and how many of each you wish to purchase, the typical cost of basic pieces for one school year is approximately \$350 per student.
- [Click here](#) for a detailed list of required pieces for Elementary and High School students (also available in the Gray Academy Family Handbook and at grayacademy.ca/uniforms).
- We recommend strongly that all new families order a minimum of one full set of new uniform pieces per child for the year.

Pre-Loved Uniforms

The expense of a full school uniform wardrobe may be challenging for some families to manage. We are pleased to offer a limited selection of “pre-loved” uniform pieces at dramatically reduced prices. Our supply of styles and sizes always varies, so parents are advised not to rely solely on our pre-loved collection for their annual uniform needs. We encourage parents to reach out to the school early to inquire about availability. All proceeds from the sale of pre-loved uniforms go to the Gray Academy Parent Association (GAPA) to support school programming.

Spirit Wear

From time to time, Gray Academy students are offered the opportunity to purchase spirit wear specific to an activity such as Grad or participation in band or sports teams. These purchases are optional and at the discretion of parents/guardians.

Gray Academy High School students have the privilege of adding a Gray Academy Raiders sweatshirt to their selection of approved uniform pieces. Opportunities are made available once or twice during each school year to order Raiders sweatshirts (approximately \$60) for High School students – and parents! A Raiders sweatshirt is also gifted to every Grade 6 student near the end of the school year to mark their advancement from Elementary to High School.

Financial Supports for Our Families

Gray Academy and the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education (WBJE) are committed to doing all we can to ensure no family is ever turned away because of inability to cover the full Parental Contribution. We are very grateful to donors and supporters who enable us to offer Bursary Assistance. We work with all families who need our support to provide Jewish day school education for their children.

Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg’s annual Combined Jewish Appeal campaign, Gray Academy receives an allocation of approximate \$1 million annually. When combined with direct donations to the school and funds from our endowments at JFM, Gray Academy distributes substantial funds to families who require needs-based bursary assistance.

Different types of Bursary Assistance are available based on your family’s circumstances. See below for details on each type of bursary. This information, along with links to all Bursary Assistance application forms, is also available in the [Admissions section of our website](#). Response to bursary applications is approximately 4 weeks from application deadline.

Bursary Assistance for Kindergarten – Grade 12

- Families with a total annual household income less than \$165,000 (from all sources) are eligible to apply for need-based bursary assistance for students (re-)enrolling in Kindergarten through Grade 12.
- We have created a quick and easy [Parental Contribution Calculator](#) to help you determine the total Parental Contribution for your family, based on your gross annual household income and number of children in K-12.

- The deadline to apply for K-12 Bursary Assistance for the 2024-2025 school year is **March 11, 2024**.

Bursary Assistance for Junior Kindergarten

- In Manitoba, Junior Kindergarten programs do not receive any provincial funding.
- Bursary Assistance for Junior Kindergarten at Gray Academy is granted only in cases of high financial need.
- Junior Kindergarten bursary amount will not exceed 50% of the total cost of the program.
- The deadline to apply for JK Bursary Assistance for the 2024-2025 school year is **March 11, 2024**.

Additional Bursary Assistance

The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education understands that some families face greater financial pressures, while others may encounter unforeseen circumstances that affect their financial situation. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- loss of employment or business losses;
- a change in marital/family status;
- illness, injury or death in the family.

The WBJE offers Additional Bursary Assistance, over and above regular needs-based Bursary Assistance, to ensure no family must give up Jewish day school education for their child(ren) due to difficult financial circumstances.

- Applications are evaluated annually based on need, the total number of applications received and the total amount of bursary funding available.
- Priority is given to families most in need.
- You will be required to complete the regular Bursary Assistance application, which asks for basic income information, as well as the Additional Bursary Assistance application, which asks for greater detail on income, assets and expenses.
- A request for Additional Bursary does not guarantee it will be granted.
- Additional Bursary Assistance in one year does not guarantee the same assistance will be available and/or given in a subsequent year.
- The deadline to apply for Additional Bursary Assistance for the 2024-2025 school year is **March 11, 2024**.

Bursary Assistance for Families New to Canada

At Gray Academy, we are very proud of our diverse community that includes families from around the world. Families who are new to Canada or are considering moving here this calendar year may apply and qualify for a substantially reduced Parental Contribution for the 2024-2025 school year.

New to Canada - Kindergarten to Grade 12

To make Jewish education more accessible for the newest members of our community, the Parental Contribution for families with children entering Kindergarten to Grade 12 is supported by substantial bursary assistance.

Your family qualifies for New to Canada Bursary Assistance for children in Kindergarten through Grade 12 **if you meet all the following criteria:**

- you are new to Canada since January 1, 2024;
- your annual household income in 2023 was less than CDN\$100,000;
- your anticipated annual household income in Canada will be less than CDN\$100,000;
- your total household assets are less than CDN\$100,000.

For families who meet all these criteria, the Parental Contribution for the 2024-2025 school year is:

- **\$4,975** for the first child
- **\$2,825** for a second child
- **\$1,675** per child for the third and additional children.

New to Canada - Junior Kindergarten

- In Manitoba, Junior Kindergarten programs do not receive any provincial funding.
- New to Canada Junior Kindergarten Bursary Assistance may be granted in cases of high financial need.

Applying for Bursary Assistance

Requests for bursary assistance are reviewed by the Assessment Committee, which operates at arms length from the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education.

We are deeply respectful of your family's privacy. The information you share in your application and the evaluation process are strictly confidential.

Applications for Bursary Assistance will only be considered if:

- your Gray Academy account is in good standing;
- all (re-)enrollment information has been submitted;
- deposit(s) and student fee(s) have been paid in full;
- all necessary supporting documentation is provided, including a Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment for each parent. If not available at the time of application, your CRA NOA(s) may be submitted by May 31, 2024. (August 1, 2024 for business owners/self-employed.)

- the application form is completed in full and **submitted by March 11, 2024**.
- late submissions will be considered on a case by case basis.

IMPORTANT NOTE: if there is any discrepancy between the income reported on your application for Bursary Assistance and your CRA NOA(s), adjustments will be made to your bursary amount. Failure to provide supporting documentation or misrepresentation may void any agreed upon bursary assistance.

How to Apply

The following information, along with links to all Bursary Assistance application forms, is also available in the [Admissions section of our website](#):

- All application forms are available on the Gray Academy website as fillable PDFs.
- Even if you are (re)enrolling multiple children, only one application form is required per family for each type of Bursary Assistance.
- Applications forms may be printed and completed by hand or completed and saved digitally.
- Hand-filled applications may be submitted to the Gray Academy Finance Department in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL.
- Digital applications may be forwarded by email to: finances@grayacademy.ca.
- All applications for Bursary Assistance for the 2024-2025 school year are DUE MARCH 11, 2024.

Visiting International Student Program

Gray Academy is the only Jewish day school in North America that welcomes visiting international High School students to stay with local families while they attend our school. This unique experience gives international students an incredible Jewish learning experience, fully immersed in Canadian culture.

Visiting international students are welcome to enroll in the program for a full school year or for one semester. Because these students are not eligible for any funding from the Government of Manitoba, parents/guardians are required to cover full tuition for the student to attend Gray Academy:

- **\$17,500** for the full school year (September through June)
- **\$8,750** for one semester (September through January)

Tuition for visiting international students includes:

- School registration, administration and student fees
- EAL (English as an Additional Language) classes
- All textbooks and course materials
- Homestay start-up
- Participation in school events, music and athletics programs

Over and above tuition, visiting international students are required to pay for:

- One full set of uniform pieces
- Monthly custodial fee (room and board with homestay family)
- Fees for participation in any/co-curricular experiences and programs (except milestone programs)
- The full cost of any/all programming outside Canada (e.g., Grade 9 trip to Washington, DC)

Visiting international students are not eligible for Bursary Assistance at Gray Academy.

Giving to Gray Academy

As an independent Jewish day school, Gray Academy is grateful to the generous donors whose gifts deliver tremendous benefits to our students and families. We encourage all families to include Gray Academy in their plans for charitable giving. **Families will have an opportunity to consider a gift to Gray Academy at the time of (re)-enrollment.** Charitable donations made at the time of (re)-enrollment will be added to a family's statement of account.

Gifts to Gray Academy help us:

- explore new initiatives and innovations in academic programming;
- upgrade our equipment, resources and technology;
- initiate capital improvements;
- enhance student health and wellness;
- recognize the achievements and contributions of our faculty and staff;
- enhance our Jewish programming;
- enhance our athletic, arts and other co-curricular programming.

Donations, irrespective of size, are greatly appreciated and can be made through gifts of cash, bequests, life insurance, capital assets, gifts-in-kind, and other methods.

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