

# Frankfurt International School e. V.

## Tuition Reduction Program

### Overview

Frankfurt International School e.V. (FIS) was established in 1961 to serve highly mobile, international families in the Frankfurt/Rhine-Main region. Our school offers an international educational curriculum from early childhood through grade twelve. As a supplementary school (Ergaenzungsschule) FIS is financed almost exclusively by tuition. The employers of families, or the families themselves who are sending their children to FIS pay tuition. Frankfurt International School does not seek to make a profit, the revenues being devoted entirely to ensuring that the school fulfills its educational mission and objectives. In consideration of the statutory purpose of the school, FIS will offer a partial or full tuition reduction program. Its purpose is to ensure international and social diversity and to make Frankfurt International School e. V. accessible to students with the interest and need for an international education, but who are unable to pay the normal tuition.

### Tuition Reduction Eligibility

As of January 2008, Frankfurt International School e.V. accepts applications for tuition reduction from current students and new applicants. All applications for a given school year must be reviewed before that school year has begun. Applications submitted during a school year will be considered for the following school year only if updated financial information is received by May 1.

To be eligible for tuition reduction a family must not have any access to alternative financial or educational support through corporate, government or any other sponsorship. As a secular institution without political affiliations, FIS may also not offer financial aid to missionaries or other expatriates who have come to Germany to work for a religious organization or foreign government. In addition, the student's need for a tuition reduction must be established through the completion of a tuition reduction application, which requires timely submission of detailed family financial information. The school reserves the right to request a certified translation of required financial information.

#### **All students' eligibility for tuition reduction is guided by the following parameters and requirements:**

1. All financial information shared with the school is confidential, with procedures aligned to the German Data Protection Act.
2. All required information must be submitted to the school by May 1 for returning students, and by new students prior to the start of a given school year.
3. At least one parent must be gainfully employed in the Frankfurt Rhein Main area during the past school year to be eligible for financial assistance,.
4. To allow resources to be broadly shared within the community, a maximum of two students per family will be allowed to receive a tuition reduction.
5. The student, prior to his or her consideration for a tuition reduction, must meet the generally applicable admission criteria, provide evidence of a strong academic standing and show the interest and ability to benefit from our international school program of studies.
6. The family is internationally oriented and there is a clear student need for, or demonstrable benefit to, an international education program.
7. The family is able and willing to support the student's success in attending an English language school.
8. The family and student are willing, interested and able to pursue further study opportunities to build on the FIS international school experience.

The numbers 5-8 above do not only apply to applications hereunder but to all students in general.

Tuition reductions are granted for one year and reviewed annually.

The tuition reduction program does not confer an enforceable claim to receive a reduction even if all criteria are met.

## Selection Process for Tuition Reduction Participants

A tuition reduction committee comprised of the Head of School, Director of Admissions and Director of Finance will determine tuition reduction participants from the applications submitted to the admissions or finance office. Once admission eligibility has been established, available funding for tuition reduction will be prioritized using the following criteria:

1. Students nearing graduation.
2. Students from a single-parent household.
3. Students from families with more than two children enrolled in the school.
4. All other students will be processed in the order of the date the application was received.

In the event a student's family is unable to meet the obligations of tuition payments due to a financial emergency or family circumstances, the tuition reduction committee will reconsider the level of previously granted tuition reduction.

## Levels of Support for Tuition Reductions

The amount of tuition reduction a student receives is based on his or her family's gross annual income.

Annual Gross Family Income in Euro	Monthly Tuition Fee in Euro	Annual Fee in Euro	Average Percent Reduction in Tuition Fee for 1 <sup>st</sup> Child*	Annual Fee for 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and Each Additional Child	Percent Reduction in Tuition Fee for 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and Each Additional Child*
0 - 20.000	No Fee	0	100,0	0	100,0
20.000 - 30.000	150	1.800	88,4	1.620	89,5
30.000 - 50.000	300	3.600	76,8	3.240	79,1
50.000 - 65.000	500	6.000	61,3	5.400	65,2
65.000 - 80.000	700	8.400	45,8	7.560	51,2
80.000 - 90.000	900	10.800	30,3	9.720	37,3
>90.000	No Reduction				

\* depending on student grade level