

The St. Xavier High School Class of 2014 is beginning to take shape and we are very pleased with the richness and diverse profile of the newest members of the Long Blue Line.

During these challenging economic times we recognize and appreciate the commitment families have made to St. Xavier High School. As you have heard repeatedly throughout this process, it is the goal of our administration that every young man who has the ability and the desire to attend St. X be able to do so regardless of financial circumstances.

As many families begin the process of applying for tuition assistance, please read the interview transcript below with Mr. Bob Stautberg regarding the most frequently asked questions. If you have any unusual questions or special circumstances and need a more clear understanding of what you may qualify for in tuition assistance, Mr. Stautberg encourages you to contact him directly via phone at 761-7815 extension 118 or by email at bstautberg@stxavier.org.

All the best,

Ryan McGoron '10

1. When are applications due to PSAS?

Applications are due to the PSAS on Monday, March 1, 2010. Once PSAS has evaluated your application they will forward your original paperwork along with a summary to St. Xavier. This will include their recommendation for what you qualify for in tuition assistance based on the 2010 – 2011 tuition at St. Xavier.

2. What is the PSAS looking for when determining if we qualify for tuition assistance?

PSAS uses cost of living and other economic data to calculate a family's ability to afford tuition. These calculations are based primarily on the size of the family, the family's income and any other financial resources available such as investments or rental property. The affordable tuition is then allocated based on the number of children in schools that charge tuition. The PSAS form also provides space for any additional information for St. Xavier to consider such as health or unemployment issues or extended family circumstances. The St. Xavier Tuition Assistance Committee makes every effort to consider all relevant factors in allocating its available funds in helping families afford tuition.

3. What percent of St. Xavier students receive tuition assistance?

28% of St. Xavier students received some level of tuition assistance for the 2009 – 2010 academic year. More than 80% of the St. Xavier students that applied for assistance were allocated some level of aid.

4. What is the average tuition assistance grant awarded to students in need at St. X?

The average award fluctuates yearly. The average grant allocated for the current school year was \$5,505 to 28% of our student body.

5. What if I submit my advance tuition deposit of \$650 and then decide that I cannot afford the tuition because I did not receive adequate aid?

First, we will work very hard to ensure that all families that demonstrate need are awarded the aid that is required for their son to attend St. Xavier. For instances where we are unable to meet a particular need, the advance tuition deposit of \$650 will be refunded fully.

