

What Is It?

Sherwood's financial aid program is a need-based tuition remission program designed for students of all ages who require financial assistance to enroll in Sherwood's programs. The Financial aid program at Sherwood provides discounted rates for students in need – it is not a loan, nor is it a scholarship with an associated cash value.

Who can apply?

Anyone may apply for financial aid at Sherwood.

How Much Aid Will I Receive?

Your financial aid award is determined by a number of factors including income level, number of dependents in the household, special circumstances such as health issues or job loss, teacher recommendations (for returning students), as well as other factors. We cannot tell you exactly how much aid you will receive until after your application has been reviewed by the financial aid committee.

However, we can tell you that award amounts range from 20% - 70% discount for group classes and 20% - 50% discount for private lessons.

Do I Earn Too Much To Receive Financial Aid?

We do not base financial aid decisions solely on your reported yearly income. We understand that some families have unique circumstances that may not be clearly reflected on your tax return such as small business owners and freelancers, additional adult dependents, etc. If you truly feel that the tuition amount presents a barrier to your child's participation, we strongly encourage you to apply for financial aid, regardless of how much you may or may not earn.

How Do I Apply?

Applicants must provide us with three things:

- 1) A completed Financial Aid Application Form (available for download from our website, learn.colum.edu).
- 2) A copy of your most recent federal tax return.
- 3) A \$20.00 application fee.

I Have Other Questions...

If you have additional questions, please start by reading the entire financial aid application. The first page gives detailed instructions about how to apply, and the second page details all the fine print information about the specifics of the program. If, after reading the entire application you still have questions, please feel free to contact us by email or phone at sherwood@colum.edu, or at (312) 369-3100.