

Step-by-Step Guide to Clarity Financial Aid

Cobb School Montessori's Financial Aid program is designed to make a Cobb education possible for all families based on demonstrated financial need and the availability of funds. Cobb uses [Clarity Financial Aid](#) to determine a family's level of financial need based on the information that families share in the application, which includes assets, income, expenses, and debts. The application is mobile-friendly and fully translated into Spanish.

Complete the following steps by February 15.

Step 1: Go to <https://app.clarityapp.com/sign-up>

Step 2: Begin your application and add **Cobb School Montessori** to your student applicant entry. You can save your application and log out at any time and return later to complete it.

Step 3: US taxpayers: Complete the Clarity Enhanced Tax Verification (ETV) process to release your W2 and personal tax return transcripts from the IRS. You'll be asked to authorize the sharing of your tax transcripts and verify your identity. This is a one-time security measure required by the IRS to protect against identity theft and the compromise of personal information. Only those filing US taxes will be prompted to complete this step. Clarity offers two options for enhanced tax verification process: "Clarity" and "IRS". Please reference the [Tax Verification Guide](#) to preview the steps of this process.

Parents/guardians who successfully completed this process last year, will not be asked to go through this process again. Upon submission of their application, the IRS will automatically release their tax transcripts to us based on last year's authorization.

Step 4: Enter your financial information, review your application, and pay the \$65 Clarity application fee.

Step 5: Submit your Clarity application and follow the link to return to your dashboard. Here you will see any additional supporting documents requested by schools. Upload your supporting documents by February 15. Keep in mind that at a later date, you may be prompted by the school via Clarity to upload additional documentation as needed.