



Sponsor-a-Student

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I sponsor-a-student? Every IMS family pays tuition; however, the cost of providing our students with the education they deserve is more than the modest tuition they can afford. The average cost to education an IMS student is \$5,800 and the average family-paid tuition is \$2,076. Your sponsorship helps us to bridge this gap.

What does the money cover? Your gift goes directly to the school to bridge the gap between the family-paid tuition and the actual cost to educate a student.

Is my contribution tax deductible? Yes.

Can I pay overtime to sponsor-a-student? Yes. You have the option to pay quarterly, twice a year or one time annually.

Does my sponsorship end after one year? Yes, this is an annual program. You will be reminded in the beginning of each school year to renew your sponsorship.

How do I join the sponsor-a-student program? You can make your gift online at www.independencemissionschools.org or call the development office at 610-200-5100 (x114).

If I choose a specific school does the money go to that school? Yes, if you chose a specific school 100% of the gift benefits that particular school.

Does my gift fund a specific student's tuition? No, your gift is a gift to the school to help bridge the gap between family-paid tuition and the actual cost to educate a student.

Can I pick my own student? No, you cannot pick your own student.

Can I meet my student? Yes. You will be invited to attend functions at the school where you will meet and enjoy social time with the student.

Will I receive information and updates about my sponsored student? Yes. Twice a year you will be mailed progress reports on how your student is excelling at school.

Can I communicate with my student? Yes. All communication is managed through the development department and there will be opportunities to meet your student through

invitations to school events, luncheons, etc. Individual communication outside of development is not encouraged and should not occur.

Can I send gifts or extra funds to my sponsored student? No. We do not encourage direct gifts to the students. The program is managed through the school and we have an obligation to follow all proper protocols when it comes to the safety of our students.

Can I get the same student multiple years in a row? Yes. As long as you remain in the program, you will follow the same student throughout his/her years at the school.

The student I am sponsoring has graduated, can I get another student? Absolutely! You will be introduced to another student at the school.