



Why Seattle Girls' School?

Attending a Girls' School » Increased Confidence » Increased Success

In 2000, a group of passionate Seattle parents grew increasingly concerned with the disturbing national trend of girls losing confidence before competence, especially in the areas of science, technology, and math. Because they did not want this to happen to their own daughters, they opened a new, transformative model for girls' education in 2001: Seattle Girls' School (SGS). Now a 501 (c)(3) all-girls school, SGS has developed and inspired nearly 400 girls in grades 5-8.

The community and environment at SGS is so nurturing and unique; you will never find another school like it. – SGS Alumna, Class of 2009

The Problem

We believe all of Seattle's daughters should have access to a transformative education, not just those who can afford it. Our Need-Based Financial Aid Program allows us to engage young women from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. The problem begins when families never even consider independent schools as an option. If they do explore the possibility, the financial aid process can be cumbersome and intimidating. For families for whom English is not their first language, the system can feel overwhelming. Because independent schools in our area only support an average of 15% of their students with need-based financial aid, a lot of students are left behind.

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The Solution

At SGS, we reject the notion that independent schools are for a select few. SGS actively recruits, enrolls, and supports young women from underrepresented communities. Our founders determined that by providing at least 30% of our students with need-based financial aid, we create a diverse community of learners that is reflective of our real world. We are not only leading the city, but also the nation in this type of educational model.

SGS supported 47% of students with need-based financial aid this year.

My daughter is now a sophomore in college, taking 17 credits with a 4.0 in the Psych Department. It was only because of SGS's financial aid that she was able to attend this fantastic school. And it was because of the teachings of this school that she has the drive and motivation to do so many amazing things. – Alumna Parent, Class of 2004

Financial aid awards range from 10-90% of tuition, with an average grant size of \$14,786. SGS has given over \$5.5 million in need-based scholarships to over a third of the student body since its inception. This means that through financial aid gifts, nearly 200 girls have experienced SGS's transformational, confidence-instilling environment since 2001. We rely on generous community partners to give girls this opportunity to become confident, transformative leaders.

The Need

We need to raise \$600,000 to sustain a diverse student body. This amount is not covered by tuition, and we face this need every single year of our operation.

How You Can Help

Educating and empowering girls is a community endeavor. When you contribute to the Need-Based Financial Aid Program, you immediately diminish the economic barrier to a transformative education that many girls face. When you invest in the education of young women, your return on investment will be exponential.

The Impact

- SGS creates a diverse community, benefitting all learners.
- This school year, 39 girls have access to our transformative education who otherwise would not have been able to afford it.
- Since 2001, nearly 200 girls have received need-based financial aid.

SGS is developing a new cadre of young women who will enter the workforce fully prepared to compete in non-traditional fields such as science, technology, engineering, and math and who are capable of becoming the next generation of community and world leaders. Our graduates are critical, creative thinkers who have developed the strength of voice and self-assurance to handle any classroom or work situation. They recognize their rights and responsibilities within their communities (from family to global) and have the skills, motivation, and power to effect change.

After three years at SGS, my view of humanity is completely changed. SGS helped me see the good in everyone. No matter how different I feel from someone, I now know to take time to understand our similarities rather than dwell on our differences. It has helped me see the world in new ways by knowing a more diverse group of people. – SGS Alumna, Class of 2007

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The mission of Seattle Girls' School is to inspire and develop courageous leaders who think independently, work collaboratively, learn joyfully, and champion change.

