

## Pingree Financial Assistance Policy for Non-Tuition Expenses

### General Access Language

A limited fund is reserved for Pingree students who may need financial support to assist with required additional expenses related to their educational experience. These might include, but are not limited to, textbooks, digital device and device insurance, field trips, and transportation. Students who currently receive financial aid for tuition will receive first priority. Students not receiving financial aid may also apply for financial assistance with these expenses. Non-tuition assistance will depend on the needs of the student and the available budgeted resources of the institution. **Please contact Mary Dyer in the Admission Department to get more information.**

Below is a summary of the types of non-tuition expenses that Pingree supports in order of their priority.

### I. Transportation

Pingree provides bus transportation to and from school. Bus fare (\$2,250 annually) is billed over three trimesters and requires a \$250 bus deposit. Pingree will provide financial assistance to students requiring significant financial aid (50% and above).

NOTE: In some cases, students return to campus after the bus has left Pingree School. Late transportation is arranged by Mary Dyer in the Admission Office. There is a letter sent to families in September further describing these arrangements.

### II. Textbooks & Calculators

Families on significant financial aid (50% and above) are considered for assistance with the cost of textbooks and calculators. A letter from Pingree to families on significant financial aid is emailed in July with the policy and procedures for requesting assistance with the purchase of textbooks.

### III. X:1 Devices

Families on significant financial aid (50% and above) may request assistance with the cost of X:1 devices. An informational letter is sent to these families in June. Families are required to complete a request form and, if the request is approved, they are asked to agree to a contract for a Pingree provided X:1 device which will be on loan to the student during their time at Pingree.

#### **IV. Trips**

Only trips approved by the Trips Committee will be considered for financial assistance support. Students will be considered for funding to support Learning Across Borders and Athletic trips with a cost exceeding \$500 up to **one trip per year and up to two trips during their four years at Pingree**. For this reason, we encourage families to plan accordingly during their student's time at Pingree. To qualify for trip assistance, families are required to submit a Trip Funding request form to John Harrington, Director of Financial Aid and, upon approval, families will receive an email indicating the award to support their trip. Please note these awards will be based on the estimated cost of the trip and the family is responsible for any increases to the actual trip cost.

#### **V. Other Supplemental Costs (Tutoring, Music Lessons, Testing Fees (SAT & Other))**

In some cases, Pingree makes tutoring and music lessons available at a reduced rate. Testing and other incidentals costs are considered as requested and funded depending on the availability of the school's resources.