



Student and Family Assistance Fund Form

The government of BC has created a Student and Family Assistance Fund (SFAF), also referred to as the Affordability Grant. The purpose of this grant is to make life more affordable for BC families who are temporarily facing financial challenges and need short-term assistance with the current costs of school supplies, education-related fees, and dealing with food insecurity that impact children’s learning.

We recognize that some families have been impacted financially due to rising costs and other factors beyond their control. For several years, the PEC has taken every opportunity to reduce costs (without compromising the quality of education) to free up resources to make attending St. Bernadette’s as affordable as possible for everyone.

If your financial circumstances have changed significantly and you are struggling to make ends meet, please write to the principal and the Education Committee Chair and we will provide support to you through the SFAF. Unfortunately, the SFAF does not allow funds to be used for tuition or bursary programs.

Please complete and return this application to Michael van der Pauw (Principal) at principal@stbernadette.ca and Saria Fernandes (PEC Chair) at pec@stbernadette.ca.

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

Names and grades of your child(ren) enrolled at St. Bernadette’s.

Name	Grade

Check as appropriate

My financial circumstances have changed significantly. I need assistance with:

- Purchasing of groceries, acquiring hampers or food security programs
- Acquiring school supplies and materials
- Purchasing uniform items, gym strips, shoes, etc.
- Transportation costs
- Pharmaceutical needs

I confirm that my family is suffering from financial hardship and needs support of the SFAF.

Father: _____ Mother: _____
Signature *Signature*

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Date Submitted	
Date Reviewed	
Decision	