



2025 Auction for Financial Aid FAQs for Burke's Merry Revelers

How does the Auction work?

There are two parts to the overall Auction Effort: the **"Main Event,"** happening at Burke on **Saturday, April 26** and an **Online Auction** which will take place **April 15-22**.

The in-person event will be a feast for the senses – a night of merriment, jesters, and noble pursuits – all in service of raising vital funds for Financial Aid. There will be plenty of comedy and entertainment, while we raise critical funds for Financial Aid through Raffles and Live Auction opportunities. You can also make a tax-deductible donation directly to the Financial Aid program during the "paddle-raise" portion of the Virtual Event. The Online Auction is like eBay: you bid from your computer or phone and get an email if you've been outbid and/or you win an item.

Who is Invited to participate/attend?

The entire Burke kingdom (adults only): current families, alumni, past parents, grandparents, faculty and staff.

Will food and drink be served at the Auction?

Indeed! A royal banquet awaits, featuring sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, a heart feast, and libations aplenty. Our kitchens ensure delicious offerings, including fare suitable for our vegetarian and gluten-free guests.

Why do we hold the Auction each year - and why does it remain especially important this year?

One hundred percent of Auction proceeds support our Financial Aid program. Burke provides financial assistance to more than 30% of our families, allowing us to maintain the economic diversity that makes Burke a special place for all of our students. Financial Aid plays a HUGE role in maintaining the school's mission and identity!

Will it be fun?

Yes! The Auction is an exciting opportunity to come together with other adult members of the community and generally immerse yourself in all of the wonderfulness that is Burke. You'll laugh, you'll cheer, and you just may be moved to tears.

What if I can't participate on April 26?

Fear not, noble reveler! There are still many ways to support our cause:

- Donate an Auction Item fit for our grand marketplace
- Bid in the Online Auction from the comfort of your own castle
- Make a direct donation to support Financial Aid through our website or invitation reply card

What if I'm not able to afford the cost of a ticket?

Cost should *not* be a barrier for any of our families to attend the Auction. When ticket sales launch, we will share additional information.

What do I wear to the Auction?

There are no rules, but we invite you to embrace the spirit of the evening! Whether you arrive in business casual attire, your finest noble garb, or as a wandering bard, knight or fair maiden, all are welcome. We love a good costume, and this is your chance to channel your inner king, queen, hester, or knight of the round table.

How can I help?

- **Save the date for the Auction:** Saturday, April 26 (invitations will arrive soon)
- **Donate an Auction Item:** Complete [this donation form](#) or contact [Kate Maskariniec](#) to discuss ideas!
- **Sign on as a Family Sponsor or Corporate Sponsor:** Help to support event costs and directly contribute to Financial Aid while receiving special sponsor perks!
- **Participate in the Online Auction:** This is a great way for friends, family, social networks, and others to help support Burke's Financial Aid program.
- **Volunteer:** Our revelry is grandest when all lend a hand – join the effort!

Who should I contact if I want to help or have questions about this year's Auction?

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