



Selection process for MAIA Girl Pioneers

MAIA follows a yearlong selection process for Girl Pioneers, primarily considering economic need, motivation, and proximity to the Impact School.

This process encompasses community mapping and engagement, interviews, economic needs assessments, a written application, and an academic evaluation. Facilitated by the MAIA team's shared language and community origins, this approach ensures transparency and open communication between MAIA and the communities we serve.

The MAIA Impact School is not a boarding school. Girl Pioneers attend classes weekly (from Monday to Friday) and travel daily from home to school. We prioritize accepting girls who live in Sololá.

Once selected, Girl Pioneers and their families complete the preparatory onboarding program. Subsequently, the girls are awarded a 100% scholarship to attend the MAIA Impact School. Families, especially fathers, are expected to play highly proactive roles throughout the 6-year journey at the Impact School. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly home visits, regular parent meetings, and workshops. Parents make a symbolic contribution of approximately \$13 USD a year towards their daughter's education, and if they cannot afford it, they can contribute through volunteer work. Additionally, parents cover the daily transportation costs to and from school, averaging about \$2 a day (transportation costs have doubled since the onset of COVID-19).