

Spring 2011

Dear Financial Aid Applicant,

The following pages of paperwork help us to make the best and fairest decisions regarding requests for financial assistance to allow children to attend Harmony.

We are very aware of the uncertain economy and all its impacts on our families, and we know that a change in your financial situation may happen. Please explain any such circumstances, and continue to keep us informed.

Since our financial aid funds are limited. We strive to allocate these funds in the fairest possible way. Following are the allocation guidelines in which the committee endeavors to follow.

Financial Aid Guidelines 2011-2012 School Year

Program	Program cost	Max Fin-Aid funded	Min-Parent Portion	Parent monthly Tuition
4d/3.5hr	\$ 4,350	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,000	\$200
4d/4.5hr	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,670	\$ 2,330	\$233
4d/6.5hr	\$ 6,300	\$ 3,320	\$ 2,980	\$298
4d/8hr	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,770	\$ 3,430	\$343
5d/3.5hr	\$ 4,800	\$ 2,570	\$ 2,230	\$223
5d/4.5hr	\$ 5,550	\$ 2,950	\$ 2,600	\$260
5d/6.5hr	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,100	\$310
5d/8hr	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,170	\$ 3,830	\$383

There is some flexibility in the guidelines depending upon each families unique circumstances and the communities need for Financial Aid each given year.

Following are the factors we consider before granting Financial Aid:

- *Priority for allocating Financial Aid will be given to re-enrolling children.*
- *New families may also apply.*
- *We use the current Federal Free/Reduced Lunch income levels (see below) as a guideline in considering need.*
- *Household monthly income and expenses.*
- *Any special circumstances of the request.*
- *The length of time the child has been enrolled at HMS, and age.*
- *Past or future siblings who were or will be enrolled.*
- *Other options for funding the child's education (i.e. family, AFS funding, etc.)*

- *Plans for child if request is not approved.*
- *Dollar amount requested per month and dollar amount family can contribute.*
- *For currently enrolled families, parental participation in school activities: child's school attendance, fundraising efforts, parent education, and volunteerism through our Share Hours program.*
- *For new families, a commitment to participate in these areas.*
- *Input from HMS staff.*

Income Eligibility Guidelines 2011-2010	
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines
1	\$10,830
2	\$14,750
3	\$18,310
4	\$22,050
5	\$25,790
6	\$29,530
7	\$33,270
8	\$37,010

Please answer all of the questions on the forms as completely as possible. Sharing your personal financial information can be uncomfortable, and we want you to know that confidentiality in these matters is of the utmost importance to us.

Please attach a copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return.

It is the goal of Harmony's Financial Aid Committee to reply to your request in a timely matter. Once we receive your application, we will send you a letter of confirmation. We will review your application in April, and a private meeting with one or two Financial Aid Committee members may also be needed.

First round financial aid for Fall 2011 will be offered no later than May 15, 2011. Further assistance may be awarded later, to the same or different families, depending upon family responses and enrollment commitments.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact Harmony's office, and we will get in touch with the appropriate person on the committee.

Harmony Montessori School
Long Term (Over 3 Months) Financial Aid Application
(answer questions here or attach a typed response)

Parent(s) Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Birth date: _____

Is child currently enrolled at Harmony? _____ If yes, since when: _____

If not, when do you want to enroll? _____

Are any siblings currently enrolled at Harmony? _____

For current parents: What situation or changes to your personal or financial situation caused you to apply for Financial Aid? If you have previously received financial aid, have your circumstances changed? For those applying for the first time, what is your basic financial situation?

What other options do you have to fund your child's tuition (i.e. family, AFS, etc.)?

What are your plans if this request is not approved?

Please feel free to attach a letter if you have more information you would like us to consider in your application.

Requested enrollment schedule, or days/hours: _____

Annual tuition for that schedule: _____ Monthly: _____

Amount requested per month: \$ _____

Amount you can contribute: \$ _____

Household Gross Income: \$ _____

Number of Household Family Members: _____

**** In order for your application to be complete, you must attach a copy of your recent Federal Income Tax Return.***

Please estimate the dollar amounts in the categories below:

Household Monthly Income		Household Monthly Expenses	
Source	\$ Amount	Source	\$ Amount
Salary/wages		Mortgage/Rent	
Spousal Support		Loan payments	
Child support		Car payment	
AFS or other aid		All utilities	
Other income		Food	
		Other childcare	
		All insurance	
		Household expenses	
		Other important:	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

Do you anticipate any changes to your circumstances over the next six months? If yes, please explain:

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any material changes in household income are required to be immediately disclosed to the HMS Financial Aid Committee.

parent signature

parent signature

date signed