



## Financial Aid Program Mission and Policies

### Our Program Mission

Our Financial Aid program is available to families who demonstrate both the need for aid and a commitment to Waldorf education. We recognize that life circumstances and discretionary financial choices vary for every family. Each application is individually considered.

Our program is managed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. Our program is funded by tuition revenue, designated gifts and from scholarship donations we receive through the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Awards to applicants meeting the EITC criteria are funded by our EITC funding. All financial aid is awarded according to the need exhibited and to the extent funds are available. Interviews with new applicants or with a returning family may be arranged at the discretion of the Committee or the request of the family.

### Our Program Policies

1. Grades students and 5-(full)day kinder students in their final kinder year are eligible for Financial Aid.
2. Aid is awarded for one year. All applicants must reapply each spring for the following academic year.
3. In the case of separated or divorced parents both parents must submit both the Registration Form and the SSS Parent Financial Statement.
4. An interview may be requested by either the applicant or the Finance Committee.
5. Any delinquent account is subject to a reduction in or total loss of the financial aid.
6. It is the responsibility of the family to notify the Business Manager in the event of a change in family circumstances that produce a financial consequence.

### PA EITC Scholarship Criteria

An eligible student is a school age student, including an eligible student with a disability, who is a resident of Pennsylvania, who is enrolled in a school located in this commonwealth and who is a member of a household with an annual household income of not more than \$90,000 except that an additional income allowance of \$15,842 is permitted for the student and for each other dependent (as defined by the IRS) living within the same household. To be considered an eligible student with a disability, a student must meet the following criteria: (1) is either enrolled in a special education school or has otherwise been identified as a "child with a disability" as defined in Title 34 CFR §300.8; (2) needs special education and related services; (3) is enrolled in a school and (4) is a member of a household that does not exceed the maximum annual household income. "School age" ranges from the earliest admission age for a school's kindergarten program (or if the school has no kindergarten program, the earliest age at which the student may begin school), through the age attained upon graduation from secondary school or 21 years of age, whichever occurs first. With respect to an eligible student with a disability, multiply the sum of \$90,000 plus the allowance(s) of \$15,842 per student and dependent, by the support level factor of 1.50 if the student is not enrolled in a special education school or by the support level factor of 2.993 if the student is enrolled as a student in a special education school.

### Our Nondiscrimination Policy

The Susquehanna Waldorf School follows a policy of nondiscrimination in every aspect of operation and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of religion, sex, skin color, age or national, cultural or ethnic origin. Any complaints of discrimination may be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, the US department of Health and Human Services, the Bureau of Civil Rights Complaints, the Department of Human Services, and/or the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.