

Susquehanna Waldorf School 2018-19

Financial Aid Program Mission and Policy

Our Program Mission

Our Financial Aid program is available to families who demonstrate both the need for aid and a commitment to Waldorf education here at SWS. We recognize that life circumstances and discretionary financial choices vary for every family. Each application is carefully considered. Aid is awarded according to the need exhibited and to the extent funds are available.

This program is managed by the Finance Committee, a committee of the Board of Trustees. The funds for our program come from tuition revenue, designated gifts and from scholarship funds we receive through the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Applicants meeting the EITC program criteria will be awarded from those proceeds. Criteria are stated at the close of this form.

Interviews may be asked of all new applicants and upon receipt of all documentation may also be conducted with a returning family, at the discretion of the Committee or the request of the family.

Financial Aid Policy

1. Grades students and final year, full five day enrolled kinder students 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 an application.
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.

EITC Eligibility 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 \$76,350 except that an additional income allowance of \$15,270 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 \$76,350 plus the allowance(s) of \$15,270 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.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Susquehanna Waldorf School follows a policy of nondiscrimination in all aspects of operation and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, sex, religion, age or national or ethnic origin. All admissions and services are provided without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, sex, disability, age or national 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.