



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Amherst Montessori School offers financial assistance for families whose children may otherwise be unable to attend. Awards are based on financial need and other special circumstances. Priority is given to families with children currently or previously enrolled in the Amherst Montessori School. **The priority deadline is February 24;** after this date, financial aid applications received will be reviewed and awards offered based on funds available.

Amherst Montessori School funds its Financial Assistance program through the operating budget. Each year the Finance Committee allocates a certain amount in the budget for financial aid. Awards are based on need and range between 20% and 50% of school fees. All information provided will be kept in confidence by the Scholarship Committee. Award amounts vary with each year's budget and are determined on an individual basis. **Parents must apply for financial assistance each year of the child's enrollment.**

For application, please submit the following:

- 1) The **Parents' Financial Statement** (PFS), to be submitted to the School and Student Services organization; use the **school code 3585**. A fee of \$35 (submitted online) or \$42 (submitted by paper) is due upon application. Please contact our office if you are interested in a fee waiver. **File on-line at <http://sss.nais.org>** or request a form from the school office. School and Student Services require very thorough income information, so you will need to have your taxes done before completing the PFS. Amherst Montessori School requires both parents to participate in the financial aid process.

Submit to Amherst Montessori School:

- 2) Amherst Montessori School **Financial Assistance Application** (attached).
- 3) A complete copy of the most recent **signed tax forms** and/or documentation of **self-employment activities** (they will not be returned).

Community Partnership Program

All families, whose children are at least 18 months but not older than 5 years by September 1, may apply for funding through their local Community Partnership Program. We can assist you in locating your local contact person if you are interested in applying for their child care tuition assistance programs.

Award decisions will be made as soon as possible but are contingent upon many factors. Your timely attention to this matter and the submission of all required information is essential to the process. If you have any questions, contact Tamara Balis, Head of School, at 253-3101 or at tsbalis@amherstmontessori.org.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Parent(s) Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Year of Enrollment: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Please indicate your child(ren)'s enrollment:

Toddler Program: (Please indicate days per week)

8:15 – 12:45 Morning Session

3/days per week 4/days per week 5/days per week

8:15 – 3:00 School Day Session

3/days per week 4/days per week 5/days per week

Children's House Program:

8:15 – 1:00 Morning Session

8:15 – 3:00 School Day Session

Before and After Care:

7:30 – 8:15 Before Care

3:00 – 4:00 After Care

3:00 – 5:30 After Care

AMS expects you to exhaust all family resources to pay the tuition before applying for assistance.

Amount you are able to contribute \$ _____

Is there anyone who will be helping pay the tuition besides yourself/selves? yes no

If so, how much are they willing to contribute annually \$ _____

Please indicate any circumstances that are not apparent from your financial documentation. Attach an additional statement if more room is needed.



I am/We are applying for financial assistance at the Amherst Montessori School and submit this statement to help you determine my/our need for such assistance. The information contained herein is all true and accurate, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We understand that all information contained herein is confidential and that the Scholarship Committee, comprised of AMS Board members and the Head of School, will not make it available to the teachers, creditors or any credit information agency. Financial assistance at the Amherst Montessori School is awarded on an equal basis regardless of race, sex, religion or national origin.

Parent Signature

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