

Morningside Montessori School
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For School Year: **2011 - 2012**

Financial Aid

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Attached you will find a copy of MMS's Application for Financial Aid. For a scholarship application to be considered, it must contain all of the following items:

1. The MMS "Application for Admission" form – if this is an applicant who is *new* to the School.
2. The attached "Application for Financial Aid" form, filled in *completely*.
3. A copy of your income tax return for the year 2010 and your W-2 form for the year 2010, along with a copy of your rent receipt or canceled rent check. (*Although a copy of your income tax return for the year 2010 need not accompany your application for Financial Aid, a copy of your return must be submitted by April 15 & must support the information contained in your scholarship application.*) *
4. A statement as to your projected income and expenses for the present year.

Please be aware that financial aid is extremely limited and that no full scholarships are ever granted.

In light of the fact that we hope to provide tuition grants to as many qualified applicants as possible, we request that you give special consideration to **Question #11** on the "Application for Financial Aid" form. This question asks you to tell us the **maximum amount of tuition** that you can afford to pay for your child to attend Morningside. (If extra funding becomes available and it is clear that you would benefit from *more* financial aid, we will try to provide additional assistance.)

In order for the Scholarship Committee to make a decision as to the amount of aid they might award you, THEY MUST KNOW THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE TUITION SLOT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR. And in order for them to know *that*, you must tell them two things: **1) the number of days/week** that you're applying for, and **2) the length of day** (*i.e., the number of hours/day*) that you're applying for. (Please understand that the schedule you choose *must* be one of our listed schedules.) Once financial aid is awarded, should you wish to *reduce* your child's schedule, the reduced schedule must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for reconsideration.

We must receive your application for financial aid by **JANUARY 24** *.

If you have any questions, please give the School a call. Debbie will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

The MMS Scholarship Committee **

* It is best to apply for financial aid by the January 25th deadline because, when MMS sends out its acceptance letters in March, we can let parents know at the same time whether or not financial aid has been granted. However, sometimes MMS has openings and available scholarship money even *after* the March acceptance date. In this case, the School is happy to consider financial aid applications at any time in the year. So, if you are applying for F.A. between Jan. 1st & April 14th, your application need not be accompanied by a copy of your tax return – but *by April 15th*, it is essential that your tax return be received by us. If, however, you are applying for aid *after* April 15th, you *must* submit your tax return **with** your financial aid application.

** The Scholarship Committee is composed of three or four Morningside parents who form a sub-committee of the MMS Board. Although these parents review the financial information of all scholarship applicants, they fully understand the importance of confidentiality. Never is private financial information ever shared with anyone other than fellow members of the Scholarship Committee, and except for these three or four Committee parents (Debbie), no other member of the MMS parent body ever has any knowledge of which families have or haven't received financial aid.

Morningside Montessori School
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID

School Year Applied for: 2011-2012

Date Application rec'd. by MMS:

This application is New or Renewal

1. Name of candidate: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Number of days applied for (e.g., 5-days/wk., 3-days/wk., etc.): _____

Proposed hours of attendance (e.g., 9:00-3:30, 8:00-6:00, 1:30-4:30, etc.): _____

Listed tuition for the schedule that meets the above criteria: \$ _____

We remind you here that financial aid awards are based on the number of days/week, and the number of hours/day. Once financial aid is awarded, should you wish to reduce your child's hours, this reduced schedule must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for reconsideration. On the other hand, if you wish to increase your child's hours, you should be aware that you will have to pay an increased amount of tuition.

What we are saying by all of this is that IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO BE AS PRECISE AS POSSIBLE IN DECIDING ON YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE.

2. Parent's Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt.#: _____ Work phone: _____

Zip: _____

3. Parent's Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt.#: _____ Work phone: _____

Zip: _____

4. Legal status of parents: Married Separated Divorced Single
 One parent deceased

If either/both parent(s) remarried: Name of Stepparent: _____

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If parents are separated or divorced, with which parent does child live? _____

Which parent(s) will sign the contract & bear financial responsibility? _____

What are the terms of the divorce or separation with regard to child support or alimony? _____

5. Family information: Please list all those who live in your home/apartment, both adults and children, other than those named in the above sections.

Adults: _____ Relationship: _____

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6. **Income Data:** Please attach a copy of your W-2 Form(s) for the most recent tax year. Please also attach a copy of your Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040) for the most recent year in which you have filed. The Scholarship Committee will not consider an application that does not include W-2 Form(s) and a Form 1040. (Tax returns should include all pages submitted to the I.R.S.) By April 15, a copy your Form 1040 for the most recent tax year must be submitted to the school.

Parent's occupation & position: _____

Employer's name & address: _____

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If parent(s) is/are unemployed, what are your intentions/prospects with regard to employment?

Annual Gross Earnings:	<u>Last Year (20)</u>	<u>Current Year (20)</u>	<u>Next Year (20)</u>
Parent's salary:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Other income (<i>specify**</i>):	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

****("Other income" includes interest, dividends, self-employment, alimony, child support, social security.)**

7. **Family Assets:**

Total money in Savings Accounts: \$ _____

Total value of stocks and bonds: \$ _____

Do you **own** your own home / apartment / property? Yes No

If you answered "yes", what is its value? \$ _____

Do you own or rent a **second** home? Yes No

If you answered "yes", do you own or rent? Own Rent

If **own**, what is the value of this second property? \$ _____

Are there any trust accounts for either parents or child(ren)? Yes No

If "yes", please explain: _____

Do you own an automobile? Yes No

If "yes", give its year & make: _____

8. Are there any other funds that might be applied to the candidate's education -- funds such as legacies, gifts, educational insurance, or aid from relatives, friends or organizations? Please give details.

9. Family Expenses:

Cost per year of rent / mortgage / maintenance: City home: \$ _____
Second home: \$ _____

Cost per year of child care (other than school tuition) for all children in the family:
After school care: \$ _____ Summer day camp: \$ _____
Summer sleep away: \$ _____ Day care for siblings: \$ _____

Please list below any extraordinary family or other expenses (such as medical, psychological, educational expenses, etc.,) that you feel are relevant to this application:

Expense _____ Cost per year: \$ _____
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Please list any loans or other debts over \$500 that you have: _____

10. Do you have any other commitments (other than the above obligations) which should be considered in order to obtain a fair estimate of your financial situation? If so, please give details.:

11. What is the maximum yearly tuition that you can afford to pay? (When answering this question, keep in mind that Morningside charges a loan in addition to the tuition. Although this must be paid before your child attends, it is returned to you when your child leaves.)

How to Calculate the Amount of Financial Aid You Are Requesting:

School Year Schedule:

of days & length of day applying for: _____
(i.e., 5 days/week, 9:00-3:30)

A. Note the full listed tuition for this program: \$ _____

B. Note the maximum amount you can afford to pay: \$ _____

(Subtract Line B from Line A)

C. This is the amt. of financial aid you are requesting: \$ _____

12. Have you applied for financial aid from any other school(s) for this candidate? If so, please list the school(s):

13. Morningside will welcome any further statement you may care to make which will aid us in determining the amount of financial aid that is appropriate for MMS to grant. (If any of your answers to questions on this application form seem likely to give a false impression, please feel free to clarify your situation.) Please answer all questions *fully* so that the Scholarship Committee is able to make as fair an assessment as possible.

Date: _____ **Signed:** _____