

# Scholarship Application Guidelines 2021-2022 School Year\*

The Glen is fortunate to receive scholarship support from both private donors and corporations. We are grateful to the corporations and individual donors who have prioritized scholarships to enable families to pursue a Montessori education.

Any questions, please contact Marcia Fischer at <u>mfischer@glenmontessori.org</u> or 412-318-4885, ext. 4.

## Eligibility

Scholarships are available to students enrolled at The Glen Montessori School for the 2021-2022 school year as of February 1, 2021. Full-day programs (8:30 – 3:15) in pre-kindergarten years (Infant, Toddlers, or Children's House) AND school-age program (Kindergarten or Elementary) are eligible for scholarships. Unfortunately, at this time, scholarships are not available for part-time students, International Summer Camp, administrative fees, co-pays, or additional activities.

**Scholarship funds are different from Emergency Tuition Aid funds.** Emergency Tuition Aid resources come from alternate sources of funding and are not being considered at this time. Emergency Tuition Aid is defined as tuition support for families who do not otherwise qualify for scholarships due to a financial situation resulting from the current pandemic, or families who have been awarded scholarships, but due to a financial crisis related to the pandemic, are unable to complete their commitment the 2020-2021 school year.

Pennsylvania Tax Credit programs make possible most, though not all, scholarship dollars for The Glen. To be eligible to receive tuition support through these sources, families with one dependent must have an annual income of less than \$92,160 + \$16,222 for a total of \$108,382 to qualify. For each additional dependent, you can make an additional \$16,222 per child. For students with a disability, there are other income adjustments under the guidelines set forth by the tax credit programs. A copy of the student's disability must be submitted with the application to qualify for a higher threshold income.

We suggest parents use this income threshold as a guideline, but not necessarily an eliminating factor when considering applying for a 2021-2022 school year scholarship.

## Awarding of Scholarships

Scholarship funds are donated to the school and awarded by The Glen Montessori Scholarship Committee, using the family's information and FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment recommendations. The family does not receive any direct cash benefit from the Scholarship; once awarded, the family will be notified via email, with the reduction in tuition to be completed at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 2021).

The Scholarship Committee will give preference to eligible applicants based on:

- Scholarship funds available
- Demonstration of an established financial need
- The receipt of a Scholarship for the prior school year
- The receipt of Emergency Tuition Aid in 2020-2021 assistance due to the COVID-19 financial crisis
- Longevity at the Glen and investment in Montessori education
- Responses to the application questions

Acceptance of this Scholarship does not exempt the family or student from abiding by school policies. The Glen has the right to remove a child from the program at any time for failure to abide by their policies.

### Timeline

#### First Round of Scholarship Application

March 15, 2021 - Application Deadline: login into your <u>FACTS</u> account and select the Grant & Aid option to complete the application. <u>You will need to supply 2020 tax documents and 2020 W2 to verify income, along with proof of unemployment if applicable</u>. The FACTS company requires a \$35 fee to process your application; The Glen does not receive any financial benefit from this service but relies on this service to manage your personal data and the qualification process.

### Questions about the application process should be directed to FACTS at 866-441-4637.

Questions on the timing of awards, tuition, payment amounts and other financial questions, should be directed to <u>Bobbi Franz</u> in Finance at <u>bfranz@glenmontessori.org</u>.

April 15, 2021 - Families will be notified of The Glen Scholarship Committee's decisions.
April 30, 2021 - The family must notify the school of their decision to accept/decline awards.
July 1, 2021 - Tuition adjustments will be completed in time for July 15 payments for September tuition. Adjustments will be completed for annual and bi-annual payers.

Please note, all Glen re-enrollment deadlines and commitments must be completed on time for consideration of a scholarship.

#### Subsequent Scholarship Applications

The bulk of scholarship funds are expected to be awarded in this first round. Rolling scholarship applications will be accepted as scholarship funds are available.

A quality Montessori education is an important investment, and we hope that no child will be denied a Montessori education due to financial need.

We are thankful for the businesses that participate in our program. If you know of a company that would like to participate in PA's tax credit program and support The Glen Montessori School students, please have them contact <u>Marcia Fischer</u> at mfischer@glenmontessori.org.