



Intent to Apply for Financial Aid Form

Allowing access to a Montessori education for children through middle school is an important part of our mission. We offer financial aid to families in an effort to reduce barriers to this access. We strive to provide tuition assistance to all eligible families who demonstrate need while maintaining an affordable tuition for all of our families.

Processing of financial aid applications begins with a demonstration of need. Because the demand for financial aid by qualified applicants often exceeds available funds, the school must weigh each family's need relative to all other families applying for financial aid. Families must file new forms to demonstrate their need each year. Families requesting financial aid must submit this Intent to Apply for Financial Aid Form to the Business Office **by February 15** for the following school year.

A Financial Aid Application and your family's prior year tax return must be completed and submitted online to [F.A.S.T.](#) (Financial Aid for School Tuition by Independent School Management) by February 28. The F.A.S.T. site offers a worksheet you can download prior to completing the online application; you can log in to the site as many times as you need to before the deadline to complete the process. All information will be kept strictly confidential. With any questions, email Becky Harris, Business Director, at bharris@mountaintopmontessori.org.

Once a family has completed the online application (including submitting a copy of the tax return to F.A.S.T.), assessment of the family's financial information can be completed. Our financial aid award process then considers additional factors such as the length of time a family has been at Mountaintop or enrolled in Montessori elsewhere, the levels at which their children are enrolled, the family's level of participation in events and initiatives within the Mountaintop community, and our goal of enrolling a diverse range of families at the school. Financial aid determination letters will be mailed no later than April 30.

If parents are separated or divorced, it is important that both parties complete an application. Generally, it is expected that both parents will contribute to their child's educational expenses. Please contact the Director of Business Operations to discuss the circumstances pertaining to your family's situation. Financial need is not considered in determining a student's eligibility for admission.

Mountaintop does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, family makeup, marital status, age, socio-economic level, disability, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, national origin, ancestry, genetic information, learning style, or any other protected category.



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Name(s) of all children in your family applying for the coming school year _____

Grade(s)/level for coming year _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Home Address _____

Employed by _____ Title _____

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First Names and ages of other dependents living at home _____

___ Single Parent ___ Both parents at home If single parent, with whom does the child reside? _____

Parent responsible for school fees? _____

Is enrollment at Mountaintop contingent on receiving financial assistance? _____

Best email address to contact you during financial aid process _____

How long has your family had children at Mountaintop? _____

If you have other children enrolled in college or private school, please list first names, schools, and tuition costs for the next year (please identify if a scholarship or any other assistance is available for attendance at the school):

I/We declare that the information reported on this form, along with attachments, is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, inclusive and correct.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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