

Acorn Hill Waldorf Kindergarten & Nursery
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THE PIONEER FUND OF ACORN HILL

Acorn Hill offers a special grant program to encourage families with children of African heritage consider Acorn Hill and experience Waldorf education. These grants are offered in appreciation for the pioneering role that African-American families play in helping Acorn Hill meet one of its educational goals - achieving ethnic and racial diversity. The faculty and board are strongly committed to nurturing a school community that reflects the rich diversity of our surrounding community. So doing, Acorn Hill will better serve the needs of all our children and families to prepare them for the challenges and joys of life in our diverse society.

Acorn Hill invites any parent who is interested in enrolling a child of African heritage in our school to request the special financial grant. The Pioneer Fund grants are available for each child enrolled and covers up to one-half of the tuition for the Parent-Child, Three-Day and Five-Day morning and full-day programs not to exceed one-half of the Five-Day morning tuition per year. Each child may receive up to a total of \$6,000 for the overall time they are enrolled at Acorn Hill. We urge parents to consider this in their tuition planning. There is a limited amount of Pioneer Fund money to be granted and grants are distributed in the order the requests are received. Pioneer fund grants are made annually and families must make a new request to the fund each year.

PROCESS

Applications to the Pioneer Fund are due February 1. Parents are asked to complete our Request for Pioneer Grant form and return it to the Business Office by February 1 for the following school year. Grant letters will be sent directly to families notifying them of the grant amount. The grant is applied monthly to reduce the amount due for tuition installments billed on our monthly tuition statements.

LATE REQUESTS AND TUITION CHANGES

We will accept requests for Pioneer Grants at any time due to new enrollment, changes in programs or circumstances, unforeseen delays or other reasons. However, all requests are handled on a first come, first served basis and grants will be awarded only if budgeted funds are still available.

If the total tuition for a child is reduced during the school year due to changes in program enrollment, the grant amount will be proportionately reduced automatically. However, if the tuition increases due to a change/addition of programs, a new request must be submitted for the additional tuition. Additional grants will only be considered if budgeted funds are still available.

These grants are given outright as a gesture of our commitment to diversity; therefore if financial assistance is needed, families may also apply to our need-based Tuition Assistance Program. You may pick up an application from the Business Office.

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REQUEST FOR PIONEER GRANT
2011-2012 School Year

PARENT(S) NAME(S): _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____

CHILD 1

CHILD 2

NAME _____

ENROLLED in _____ Program(s)

ANNUAL TUITION _____

A. GRANT REQUESTED

up to 50% of Annual Tuition not to exceed \$4497.50

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B. Previous years' grants _____

C. Total Grants _____
 Maximum per child is \$6,000.00

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I am requesting the Pioneer Grant for my child(ren) named above, who is (are) of African heritage. I understand this grant is available to cover up to one-half the tuition for the Parent-Child, Three-Day and Five-Day morning and full-day programs, not to exceed one-half the Five-Day morning tuition (\$4497.50 in 2011-2012) annually for each child and is limited up to \$6,000.00 for the overall time they are enrolled at Acorn Hill. I understand I may request additional grant funds (subject to availability and up to the annual and overall grant limits) if tuition increases due to changes in my child(ren)'s enrollment and that grant amounts will be proportionately reduced if tuition decreases. Grants are awarded in the order in which requests are received and are limited by the Pioneer Fund budget.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT(S): _____ DATE: _____

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