

Acorn Hill Waldorf Kindergarten & Nursery
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THE DIVERSITY 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 to inspire African-American families to join the Acorn Hill school community and help us meet one of our educational goals – achieving more diversity. 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 Diversity Fund grants are available for each child enrolled and may cover 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 but may be less. 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 Diversity Fund money to be granted, grants may be made for less than the maximum per program based on demand and grants are distributed in the order the requests are received. Diversity fund grants are made annually and families must make a new request to the fund each year.

PROCESS

Applications to the Diversity Fund are due February 3. Parents are asked to complete our Request for Diversity Grant form and return it to the Business Office by February 3 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 Diversity 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 DIVERSITY GRANT
2015-2016 School Year

PARENT(S) NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CHILD 1

CHILD 2

NAME _____

ENROLLED in _____ Program(s)

ANNUAL TUITION _____

A. GRANT REQUESTED

up to 50% of Annual Tuition not to exceed \$5145

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B. Previous years' grants _____

C. Total Grants _____

Maximum lifetime per child is \$6,000.00

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I am requesting the Diversity 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 (\$5145 in 2015-2016) annually for each child but may be less 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 Diversity Fund budget.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT(S): _____ DATE: _____

_____ DATE: _____