

**Acorn Hill Waldorf Kindergarten & Nursery**  
**9504 Brunett Ave Silver Spring, MD 20901**  
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## **THE DIVERSITY FUND OF ACORN HILL**

Acorn Hill offers a grant program available to families with children of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups. These grants are offered to encourage families of color to join the Acorn Hill school community and help us meet one of our educational goals - achieving the diversity of our Silver Spring community. In doing so, Acorn Hill is consciously increasing its student diversity.

Specifics about the Diversity Fund:

- It is independent of financial need
- Parents must apply to the fund (see below for details)
- Each year, underrepresented racial/ethnic groups may change, therefore, priorities may change
- Funds are limited, and will be offered among all applicants who qualify on a first-come, first-served basis

We are currently offering the Diversity Grant to children of African descent that currently are underrepresented at Acorn Hill. We invite families of qualifying children to apply. The Diversity Fund grants are available for each child enrolled. The annual amount that each child may receive is up to 50% of the cost of the program the child is enrolled in, with the **maximum** annual amount being 50% of the 5 Day morning program (\$6000 for 2017-18). The quantity is limited to \$6,000 over the entire time the child is continuously enrolled at Acorn Hill. There is no minimum amount, and the minimum reflects the number of qualifying applicants in a given year. We urge parents to consider this in their tuition planning. There is a limited amount of Diversity Fund funds. Diversity fund grants are made annually and families must make a new request to the fund each year.

### **PROCESS**

Applications for the Diversity Fund are due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents are asked to complete our Request for Diversity Grant form (see below) and return it to the Business Office by February 1 for the following school year. Grant letters will be sent directly to families in early March 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. If a family is also applying for tuition assistance, the amount they receive from the Diversity Fund will be considered in the decision.

We will accept requests for Diversity Grants past the Feb 1<sup>st</sup> deadline in the event that we have Diversity Fund funds still available. 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 to children of African descent without consideration of financial need; therefore, if additional financial assistance is needed, families can 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**  
**2017-2018 School Year**

PARENT(S) NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL : \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD 1**

**CHILD 2**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ENROLLED in \_\_\_\_\_ Program(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Program(s)

ANNUAL TUITION \_\_\_\_\_

**A. GRANT REQUESTED**

up to 50% of Annual Tuition not to exceed \$6000

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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 (\$6000 for 2017-18) 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: \_\_\_\_\_