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THE DIVERSITY FUND OF ACORN HILL

Acorn Hill offers a special grant program for families with children of African heritage to enroll in Acorn Hill. The faculty and board are strongly committed to nurturing a school community that reflects the surrounding community.

Each child may receive up to a total of \$4,500 per year, depending on the program they are enrolling in. The Diversity Fund money will be 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. Families who are eligible for the Diversity Grant may also apply for our Tuition Assistance Program. You will be notified of your tuition by early March.

Specifics about the Diversity Fund:

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

Amounts awarded:

Five Day Full Day Program: \$4,500

Five Day Half Day Program: \$3,000

PROCESS

Requests for the Diversity Fund are due February 1. Parents are asked to complete the Diversity Grant form (see next page) and return it to Monica Nermark (monica@acornhill.org) 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 February 1 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 for our need-based Tuition Assistance. You may download an application [HERE](#).



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REQUEST FOR DIVERSITY GRANT 2022-2023 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 \$4500

Up to \$4500

B. Previous Years' Grants _____

C. Total Grants _____

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 \$4500. 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: _____