

TRINITY EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

The Financial Aid Program of Trinity Episcopal Preschool is designed for well-qualified students in all age groups whose families cannot fully afford an independent school education without financial assistance. All of the information you should need on financial aid is available here.

You must apply for financial aid for 2018-2019 by February 1, 2018 in order to be considered for aid for the 2018/2019 school year.

Decisions about financial aid for current Trinity Episcopal Preschool families will be made by February 15, 2018. Financial Aid award letters will be given to families by February 15, 2018 so that they may register for the new school year.

You may apply for financial aid by February 1st, as described below. **To be eligible for consideration for financial aid at Trinity Episcopal Preschool, you must complete your application and provide all supporting documents to the Trinity Episcopal Preschool Director by February 1, 2018.** All aid is awarded on a yearly basis and must be reapplied for each following school year. Trinity Episcopal Preschool Financial Aid is not a scholarship and is available to all entering and current students and families. Our Financial Aid is given on the basis of financial need and is decided on by the Trinity Episcopal Preschool Board of Directors. All families who apply for financial assistance through Trinity Episcopal Preschool's Outreach program will be considered for both full and partial aid. **Families must complete a full application and provide all required financial information to be considered for aid.**

TRINITY EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Episcopal Preschool is a preschool that strives to create an atmosphere where each child can develop a love of God, self-worth, and respect for all others. We seek to create a strong educational foundation through nurturing each child's sense of wonder, instilling a love of learning and building a Christ-centered community of educators, parents, and children.

FINANCIAL AID PHILOSOPHY

Trinity Episcopal Preschool has always recognized that there were qualified students who lacked the financial resources to pay for tuition. The School knew that students would benefit from a Trinity Episcopal Preschool education and the School would be enriched by their participation in school life. Today, the money for Trinity Episcopal Preschool's financial aid program comes from income from our tuition, gifts to the School, and the School's Annual Fund.

We seek students who demonstrate a motivation for learning, appropriate social and emotional development, and whose diverse talents, interests, and personal characteristics enhance our community. We seek families who support their children and the mission of the School. Families who do not keep the School's expectations risk losing their financial aid. Trinity Preschool recognizes that choosing an independent school is a major financial decision for families. For that reason the School has increased its financial aid dramatically over recent years. Since financial aid awards do not have to be repaid, it helps to bridge the gap between what a family can afford and the cost of their child's education. We encourage families to apply for financial aid to determine what they are qualified to receive and to help make a Trinity Episcopal Preschool education affordable. **Once a family receives financial assistance, they must reapply each year to ensure similar levels of financial aid will be provided and that the family's financial position does not materially change.**

While the School attempts to be equitable, the financial aid committee must consider choices made by families in the acquisition of homes and cars as well as "extras" such as clubs and vacations. It is the responsibility of the Financial Aid Committee to differentiate between luxury and necessity. We must consider our current students' financial needs, enrollment requirements and the number of students receiving assistance in a particular grade or division. Consequently, some students will be accepted to Trinity Preschool and we will not have the funding necessary to meet their demonstrated need, placing them on our wait list.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The Financial Aid Committee maintains strict confidentiality over financial aid files. Faculty and students are not informed of financial aid decisions. The School trusts that the family will keep the same discretion regarding awards and decisions.

Supplementary Financial Assistance Form

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name _____

Full Address:

Phone Numbers:

(Home) _____ (Cell): _____

Academic Year _____

Student _____ Entering Class _____

Days attending Preschool _____ Tuition:

Student _____ Entering Class _____

Days attending Preschool _____ Tuition:

Student _____ Entering Class _____

Days attending Preschool _____ Tuition:

Please answer all of the following questions.

1. Does your family receive any financial support from relatives or other sources? (Include support for educational trips, camps, etc., as well as basic daily needs.)

No ___ Yes ___ Amount Annually: \$

Explanation:

2. Do you provide financial support for any relatives? (Include live-in grandparents and relatives overseas)

No ___ Yes ___ Amount Annually: \$

Explanation:

3. If your children are all of school age and BOTH parents are NOT fully employed, please explain why.

4. Has your income increased or decreased significantly from last year?

No____ Yes____ Explanation:

Annual Income

Please itemize all income including salary, bonuses, dividends, interest, rent, etc.

Annual Amount

_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$

Total Annual Income \$

Annual Expenses

Federal Taxes _____	State/Local Taxes _____
Real Estate Taxes _____	Social Security _____
Mortgage (P.I.) _____	Rent _____
Child Care _____	Health Care _____
Utilities _____	Personal Care _____
Camps/Recreation _____	Vacations _____
Loan/Debt Payment (exclude credit card payments) _____	
Total Annual Expenses \$ _____	

Monthly Expenses

Savings/Investments _____	Retirement Funds _____
Contributions/ Donations _____	Child/Parent Support _____
Job Related Expenses _____	Education _____
Food _____	Meals Away From Home _____
Health (other than insurance) _____	Auto Operation/ Maintenance _____
Home Improvement/ Maintenance _____	Clothing _____
Gifts _____	
Total Monthly Expenses \$ _____	

How much money are you able to contribute towards your child's tuition each month?

\$

TAX RETURNS- Please attach your most up to date tax returns.

Please use this section to explain any unusual circumstances: (Feel free to attach a typed letter of explanation).

Father's Signature/ Date/ Email Address

Mother's Signature/ Date/ Email Address

WAIVER REQUEST FORM

For Both Parents Supporting a Trinity Episcopal Preschool Education:

The School's philosophy is that divorced, separated, or never married parents retain the obligation to contribute to the education of their children, and Trinity Episcopal Preschool cannot be bound by the assertion that one parent has disclaimed responsibility for educational expenses. Therefore, both natural parents and their spouses must provide the financial information requested each year, whether or not there is a legal agreement between them to the contrary. It would be unfair for Trinity Preschool to subsidize a child's education if a parent has resources but is unwilling to contribute to a child's tuition. The School reserves the right to contact the parent directly to clarify reasons for non-disclosure or unwillingness to contribute. We will consider the assets of a stepparent, always bearing in mind a stepparent's obligation to his/her own natural children. If all family information is not available at the time the application is evaluated, the School may have to make an arbitrary assessment of financial need that could result in a lesser award or no award at all.

Signature of custodial parent / date