



# SAN MARCOS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

## Scholarship Program

San Marcos Montessori School (SMMS) seeks to provide a high quality education for children regardless of their parents' financial means. The school's only source of income is from tuition, which we try to keep as low as possible. The primary source of scholarship money comes from donations and special fund raising events held each year. Scholarships are awarded to families on the basis of demonstrated needs and the availability of funds to meet those needs.

Scholarship grants are provided to cover part of the cost of tuition for the school year. The non-refundable fees & supply fees are the responsibility of the applicant. The registration fee and application/contact form should be submitted along with the scholarship application forms.

SMMS Scholarship Committee will grant awards based on the following considerations:

- Families with incomes below \$45,000 a year
- Families with unusual circumstances
  - Disabled parent or child
  - Parent unemployed for six months or longer
  - Single parent families
- Scholarship Fund constraints
- Demonstrated financial need of the applicant family. Criteria used in determining need will be the following: 1) parent's or guardian's financial statement 2) the family's Income Tax Return Forms from the past two calendar years, preceding the year in which the award would be made 3) a short essay (one page or less) on why you desire a Montessori education for your child 4) a current teacher assessment of the student's ability, or an interview with the child and SMMS Director.
- Preference will be given first to re-enrolling students who demonstrate financial need.
- Maximum scholarship award will be no more than 50% of the student's tuition and are typically in the 10 – 33% range.

Scholarship applications should be submitted at the time of application unless a continuance is approved. Scholarships are granted for one year at a time and may not continue indefinitely. However, due to the nature of the curriculum and philosophy of the school, we encourage a three-year or longer enrollment.

Please contact Ms. Spaulding in the office for scholarship applications. The SMMS Scholarship Committee will review qualified applicants in the spring of each school year. Be assured that all scholarship information is kept confidential. SMMS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national or ethnic origin in administration of its admission procedures. Thank you for your interest in San Marcos Montessori School.

Sincerely,

San Marcos Montessori School  
Scholarship Committee

