

Like most independent schools, Meadowbrook Waldorf School offers financial assistance based on demonstrated need. At the school, this process is called “Tuition Adjustment”, and it is designed specifically to allow Meadowbrook to offer its education to those families “who seek it here,” using the words of the school’s mission statement.

Tuition Adjustment differs from a more traditional process in that the final tuition level is arrived at jointly between family and school. The goal of this process is to reach a mutually agreeable tuition level to be paid by the family to Meadowbrook for the current school year. If such a level is not reached, and the enrollment must be withdrawn, the school will refund your contract deposit.

Tuition Adjustment is extended only to families with grade school or full day kindergarten students. The maximum tuition adjustment award is one-half of the tuition owed (excluding program fees and any other special fees). The school considers exceptions to its policy and invites you to discuss your needs with the Administrator.

In granting tuition adjustment, the Tuition Adjustment Committee considers the question of whether we can carry the destiny of the applying family. This includes considering relative fairness as well as future needs of both the family and the school. We hope and expect that you will likewise consider whether you can help carry the destiny of this school and community. Our tuition and fees are already significantly less than that of other independent schools because of vigorous volunteer efforts by all our families and because our employees take very low salaries in order to make this education available. It is our expectation that in accepting this aid, you are likewise accepting the need to 1) make life choices so that you steadily increase your tuition contribution, and 2) you actively seek opportunities throughout the year to volunteer and support the school.

Please note that final payment for all payment plans must be received by March 1st. **Re-enrollment will be initiated only after the current year’s payments are complete.** Completed tuition adjustment requests for returning students must be received by April 1st.

The tuition adjustment committee meets from September through June to consider new applications and emergency requests. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All awards are for the current academic year only. Future requests will be evaluated in light of your family’s then current circumstances and the school’s resources.

Any family intending to register children in Meadowbrook and wishing to request tuition adjustment should complete the following sequential steps:

- New applicants must be accepted into the school through the regular admissions process.
- New and returning families should submit the enrollment package (with \$100 deposit per child) by the deadline.
- Indicate on the enrollment contract the amount of tuition adjustment you will be requesting.**
 - Do not forget the “sibling discount” policy of 10% for the second enrolled child and 40% for the third child and beyond.
- Upon submission of your enrollment contract, please provide the tuition adjustment committee with the following information:
 - A **cover letter** describing your financial situation in sufficient detail to support your tuition adjustment request.
 - A copy of your **most recent personal and business federal income tax returns** (with all schedules).
 - The completed **tuition adjustment worksheet**
 - A **monthly family budget**
- New applicants will either speak with a school representative on the telephone or be asked to attend a meeting to discuss your request.
- An amended contract will inform you of any tuition adjustment award. This signed contract must be promptly returned to the school.



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TUITION ADJUSTMENT FAMILY WORKSHEET - CONTINUED

III. Parents Household Information

Mothers Age	_____	Fathers Age	_____
Mother's Employer	_____	Father's Employer	_____
Mother's Title	_____	Father's Title	_____
Family Size <i>(including parents, all children & other dependents)</i>	_____		
Number of children in private school and undergraduate college	_____		
Annual amount paid by parents for education of children	_____		
Medical expenses not reimbursed by insurance	_____		

IV. Students Information

Current cash, savings, and checking accounts	_____
Total Value of other investments, stocks, bonds, real estate <i>(Include trusts and uniform gifts to minor)</i>	_____

V. Please provide the amount of support from others

Non custodial parents	_____
Current non parental Spouses	_____
Grandparents and other relatives	_____
Friends	_____
Institutions and businesses	_____
Non MWS scholarships and grants	_____
Other sources of income	_____

VI. Please complete the monthly budget worksheet below. *(Attach extra pages as necessary.)*

AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME (From section I.D ÷ 12)	_____
EXPENSES	
Taxes withheld	_____
Retirement and other pretax withholdings	_____
Athletics/Recreation/Entertainment/Vacations	_____
Auto Repair/fuel/car payments/insurance	_____
Charity/gifts	_____
Child care/Educational costs – non MWS	_____
Clothing/shoes/personal care	_____
Credit Card Debt	_____
Electricity/home heating/septic/garbage	_____
Healthcare/health insurance/dental/alternative medical	_____
Home maintenance and repairs	_____
Home office/home business/investment expenses	_____
Mortgage/Rent	_____
Pet Care	_____
Telephones/cable/cells/internet	_____
Other/miscellaneous	_____
TOTAL EXPENSES	_____
NET INCOME available to pay MWS educational expenses <i>(Avg monthly income – total expenses)</i>	_____

