

Mālamalama Waldorf School

TUITION ADJUSTMENT/SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024/2025

In an effort to make Waldorf Education more accessible to children in our community, Malamalama Waldorf School offers a Tuition Adjustment/Scholarship Program which is available to families with children in grades K-8 who, after careful consideration of their financial resources and priorities, are not able to contribute the full standard tuition amount.

A family may enter into the Tuition Adjustment process upon re-enrollment (returning students) or upon submission of \$75 application fee (new students).

ALL FAMILIES:

- 1. In order to review your application, you must either be enrolled for the year you are applying for aid, or you must pay the \$75 non-refundable application fee. Should you choose to enroll, the \$75 will be applied to your \$400 Enrollment Fee.
- 2. All forms and supporting documents need to be submitted to the office and FACTS Grant Aid and Assessment **before** a Tuition Adjustment can be determined.

RETURNING FAMILIES:

- 1. The deadline for submission of Tuition Adjustment Applications is April 15, 2024.
- 2. Applications received after the deadline will automatically result in a 20% reduction to your award.
- 3. Any Applications received after May 31st will not be reviewed until September and subject to available funds at that time.
- 4. Most recent tax returns must be submitted to FACTS Grant Aid and Assessment. If you submit the previous year's returns, or do not file taxes, you must submit the following with your application to the office:
 - a. 3 months most recent bank statements
 - b. Welfare statement (if applicable)
 - c. Military and Social Security Benefit Statement (if applicable)
 - **d.** Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet if self-employed.
 - **e.** W-2's if employed.

The Tuition Adjustment process begins when the family submits the required financial documents to FGA&A as well as submitting the completed Tuition Adjustment Application to MWS. **FGA&A can take up to four weeks to process the application**. Once the financial assessment is determined by FGA&A, a working group from the Tuition Adjustment Committee will notify the family if an adjustment is awarded within 30 days of receipt of the application.



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Additional factors contribute to the determination of the Tuition Adjustment amount. These factors include:

- 1. The FGA&A determination. FGA&A documents must be filled out by all persons who will be accepting financial responsibility for the tuition due.
- 2. The Tuition Adjustment/Scholarship Program Application (completed, signed and returned to MWS)
- 3. Tuition Manager's report on payment history for all accounts.
- 4. Malamalama Waldorf School requires that both parents, regardless of their marital status, submit the required financial information. (Widow/Widowers and sole legal guardians are exceptions to this rule.)

Please note that adjustment amounts may vary from year to year. The Tuition Adjustment/Scholarship Program process will be made on an annual basis. All forms must be thoroughly completed, and all requested documents submitted prior to deadline.

Eligibility:

- Students who are entering grades K through 8. Special consideration may be given to preschool students in Kinderhale if they have a sibling in the grades or other special circumstances. Children enrolled in the 2 or 3 day Kinderhale program are not eligible for a Tuition Adjustment.
- All documents **must** be submitted by the **deadline of April 15, 2024**.
- Financial need, as demonstrated by the FACTS Grant Aid and Assessment and supporting documents (submit "copies" only).
- Limited availability of other resources.
- All previous financial accounts and service hours (or fee paid) with the school must be in good standing.

Communication:

- Questions regarding application procedures or status of award should be directed to the Business Manager, Carrie Broughton, 982-7701 or finance@hawaiiwaldorf.org
- An appeal may be made by submitting a written statement, clarifying documents, and additional information to the Tuition Adjustment Committee through the Business Manager. Appeals will be considered at the next committee meeting.

Parents are encouraged to communicate with the Tuition Adjustment Committee should they no longer experience as great a need as they did at the time of application so that funds can be made available to other families. Please address communications to the Tuition Adjustment Committee through the Business Manager

"The healthy social life is found when in the mirror of each human soul the whole community finds its reflection. And when in the community the virtue of each one is living."