



Eleanor Mason Memorial Scholarship Fund Criteria and Application 2023-2024

In the Beginning Preschool is pleased and humbled to offer our families financial assistance towards their child(ren)'s tuition. The scholarships will be awarded based on criteria set forth below and limited to the scholarship budget for the school year. We do not turn anyone down who requests assistance. The awarded scholarships will be honored for the current year your child(ren) are enrolled in our program.

1. If your family falls into one of the Monthly Income Categories listed below and will accept criteria #2 and #3, please continue.

Criteria for Eligibility

Family Size	Household Gross Monthly Income*
2	\$3,052
3	\$3,839
4	\$4,625
5	\$5,412
6	\$6,199
7	\$7,772

*Based on Federal eligibility for reduced or free school lunch program in King County, Washington - 2021-2022. **Do not hesitate to apply** if you are above the Family Size Gross Income. This criteria encompasses the entire county which has a varied economic demographics and is based on the minimum gross income.

2. Each family is required to **financially contribute** to their child(ren)'s tuition to meet the criteria of being awarded tuition assistance.

The above-mentioned financial contribution requirement consists of **Registration fee(s)** and **the first** (September 2023) and **last** (June 2024) **month's tuition payments**. These 3 contributions are non-refundable and must be paid in full on or before July 1, 2023, as per the Preschool's tuition policy to qualify for this award. **If applying after July 1, 2023**, payments are to be paid in full and the due date will be at the discretion of the Preschool Director and Treasurer.

3. The family will also be required to **volunteer on a committee** to maintain their scholarship eligibility for the 2023-2024 school year. **Currently**, our committees are postponed. However, we hope to resume our volunteer opportunities in the new school year.

Application acceptance period is from January 23-March 31 for the 2023-2024 school year. Awards are made by April 27, 2023. From May 2023 and beyond applications will be accepted and on-going until funds are exhausted for the school year. The application and required paperwork must be returned to the Faith Church's business office (**not the preschool office**). We recommend dropping it off and not mailing it to Faith Church.

Please fill out the **application form** and **include last year's tax return** and **recent pay stubs** from the most recent 2 months of 2023. Return to: ITBP - Eleanor Mason Memorial Scholarship Fund Selection Committee, FUMC, 3924 Issaquah Pine Lake Road SE, Sammamish, WA 98029. **For confidentiality's sake, please do not return paperwork to the Preschool Office.**

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The Selection committee* is a team of FUMC members who do not have any affiliation with our preschool ministry except for this committee. They are neutral towards each family therefore ensuring the integrity of the selection process. This selection process is completely confidential. The selection committee may ask the Director about an applicant to gain further clarity, however, the director will not be privileged to any of their financial information nor will she be allowed to read the application. The selection committee is committed to hold these families in the highest respect, compassion, and confidentiality. The Committee or Director will notify those families awarded scholarships within 14 days from receiving applications. All financial paperwork will be shredded by the committee. Notification of the new tuition payment schedule will be mailed as soon as the award has been made.

*During the summer months, the Preschool Advisory Team in conjunction with the Selection Committee will make the decision for the family if other requests or circumstances change after the July award date. All the names are kept in strict confidence and only the Director, Student Account Specialist, and Treasurer will be aware of the recipients.

In Christ Service,
The Preschool Advisory Team and Scholarship Selection Committee

Family

Mother: _____ Father: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____

Children in Preschool:

1. _____ & Class: _____ & Tuition Fee: _____
2. _____ & Class: _____ & Tuition Fee: _____
3. _____ & Class: _____ & Tuition Fee: _____

Household Gross Monthly Income: \$ _____

What tuition assistance amount would greatly benefit your family?

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