

SWS FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM MISSION + POLICIES



OUR APPROACH TO FINANCIAL AID

Our Financial Aid program is available to families who demonstrate both the need for aid and a commitment to Waldorf education. We recognize that life circumstances and discretionary financial choices vary for every family. Each application is carefully and individually considered.

Our program is managed by our Financial Aid Committee, the members of which are appointed by the Board of Trustees. Our program is funded by tuition revenue, designated gifts and from scholarship donations we receive through the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Awards to applicants meeting the EITC criteria are funded, in part, by our EITC Scholarship Program. All financial aid is awarded according to the need exhibited and to the extent funds are available. New applicants may be invited to participate in an interview with the Committee. Some circumstances may indicate an interview with a returning family, at the discretion of the Committee or the request of the family.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROGRAM POLICIES

1. All Grades and 5 Full-Day K students in their final year of Kinder, meeting the financial criteria, are eligible for Financial Aid.
2. Aid is awarded for one year. All applicants must submit an aid request each spring for the following academic year.
3. Each aid request form must be submitted with the most recent year's W2s and the most recently completed tax return.
4. In the case of separated or divorced parents both parents must submit a registration form and copies of their W2s.
5. Requests and applications are processed in rounds, the cycle for which is no less than two weeks and no more than four weeks.
6. New applicants will receive an email notice of the aid award.
7. Any delinquent account that violates the terms of our enrollment contract is subject to a reduction in or total loss of the financial aid.
8. It is the family's responsibility to notify the Business Manager in the event of a change in family circumstances that produces a financial consequence, favorable or not favorable, in the amount of 25%.

PA EITC SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

[PA EITC Scholarship Criteria \(please see page 2\)](#)

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Susquehanna Waldorf School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, ethnic background, or national origin in admission of students, in financial aid grants, or in any program offered. Any complaints of discrimination may be filed with the office for Civil Rights, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Bureau of Civil Rights Compliance, the Department of Public Welfare, and/or the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.