

CHIARAVALLE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Dear Parent,

The Financial Aid Committee of Chiaravalle Montessori School meets mid-February and mid-March to award financial aid for the 2010-11 school year. The deadline is **February 1, 2010** for returning families and is **March 1, 2010** for new families. Enclosed is an application form that must be completed and returned to the Director of Admission and Financial Aid by the deadline.

Chiaravalle utilizes a service of the National Association of Independent schools for processing all financial aid requests. The Student Services for Financial Aid (SSS) is used by more than 2,400 schools and organizations in the United States to help assess a family's ability to pay school costs. The process promotes objectivity and consistency in financial aid procedures among schools and is based on the premise that parents should finance their child's education to the extent they are able. The information you provide will be held in confidence and only the school you specifically name will receive your financial information. There is a non-refundable fee of \$35.00 required with the submission of the Parent Financial Statement (PFS). The fee will be included in the calculation of your award. In order to receive full consideration by the Financial Aid Committee and to meet our reenrollment contract deadline, all information must be submitted on-line at www.nais.org/financialaid/sss by the deadline. The school code is **1865**.

Copies of the school's policies for granting financial aid are available upon request.

NEW THIS YEAR: The required supporting documentation (tax returns, etc.) will be collected by SSS this year. Your application will not be complete until they have everything in your file. Be sure to plan ahead to meet the deadline. Please call the appropriate institutions to ask for your specific information to be faxed or released to you ahead of time (or use your year-to-date information on your pay stub) so that you can prepare a draft of your 2009 1040 (please remember that it must be accompanied by the appropriate schedules).

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Syburg.

Sincerely,

Brenda Mizel
Head of School

Financial Aid Applications

Information for Families

Thank you for your interest in **Chiaravalle Montessori School** for the 2010-11 school year. You may begin to apply for financial aid starting on November 1, 2009, as described below. To be eligible for consideration for financial aid at **Chiaravalle**, you must complete your application by **February 1st for returning families and March 1st for new families**. We will communicate decisions about financial aid prior to your contract return deadline.

We use School and Student Services (SSS) to process financial aid applications. SSS is a service of the National Association of Independent Schools. Based on the financial information you provide, SSS gives us an estimated amount your family can contribute to educational expenses. This helps us make fair and objective financial aid decisions. To begin your financial aid application for the 2010-11 school year, follow these steps below.

ONLINE

1. Starting on November 1, 2009, go to sss.nais.org.
2. Click on the prompt to begin your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). You only have to complete one PFS even if you have several children applying to our school.
3. You will be given a password that will allow you to return to your PFS at a later date before submitting it.
4. You will be given instructions about submitting required backup documents by mail. Your documents will be handled with the utmost level of security. To read more about SSS's document security, go to sss.nais.org.
5. Mail the required documents to: SSS by NAIS, Application Processing Center, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449. (For overnight mail, use this address: SSS by NAIS, Application Processing Center, 437 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021.)

A New Look at sss.nais.org

Families who have applied for financial aid in the past will see that this website looks different. It uses the same methodology and will require the same information. But we think you will find the interface and on-screen help more user-friendly:

- Clear, step by step instructions
- Ability to begin a PFS and complete it at a later date
- Ability for you to track the receipt of documents you submit
- Online help to ensure successful submission

At sss.nais.org, also find tips and articles.

Call (800) 344-8328 with any questions (Mon - Fri: 9am - 8pm EST. Sat: 9am - 4pm EST)

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FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Financial Aid Deadlines:

February 1, 2010 for all families returning to Chiaravalle

March 1, 2010 for all families new to Chiaravalle

Applications for Financial Aid will be processed by SSS (The School and Student Services for Financial Aid, a service of the National Association of Independent Schools) and must be completed on-line at www.nais.org/financialaid/sss. The school code is **1865**. Please remember that the Financial Aid Committee can only consider your application if you have completed the process with SSS and submitted this application to Nancy Syburg, Director of Admission and Financial Aid.

I understand that I must pay the \$35.00 application fee to SSS at the time I submit all required information to SSS on-line. I will also submit all of the required forms to them in order to be considered for financial aid for the 2010-11 school year.

Signature of applicant

Date

Printed name of applicant

Child's Name

2010-11 Program (*Please specify the times*)

I am interested in applying for the **Diversity Scholarship Fund Award** in addition to any financial aid award I may receive. Please indicate your child's race/ethnicity.

Asian

African American

Hispanic

Middle Eastern

Multi-racial

Native American

Please be sure that this form is submitted to Nancy Syburg by the deadline