



## WESTSIDE WALDORF SCHOOL

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# TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION



## Investing in Your Child's Future at the Westside Waldorf School

We deeply value the trust our applicant families place in us and understand the importance of this investment in your child's future. Our tuition is a reflection of the exceptional education we provide: small class sizes, master teachers, a comprehensive arts-and-sciences curriculum, and thoughtfully designed learning environments that foster whole-child development.

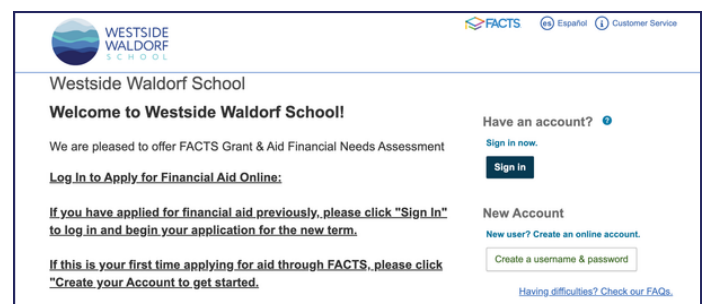
## Commitment to Accessible Education

We acknowledge that many families, regardless of income levels, may require financial assistance to bring this vision to fruition. Our commitment is to ensure that access to our school is determined by a shared alignment with our values, rather than financial means. 36% of current Westside Waldorf families receive need-based financial aid.

WWS offers Tuition Assistance ("TA"), to families who demonstrate need. This process is confidential and value-driven, ensuring fairness and non-competitiveness. Annually, we allocate over \$1 million to adjust tuition, making our school more accessible to a wider range of families. An anonymous Tuition Assistance committee, made up of individuals at the school leadership level, assesses each family's financial situation. Your financial details remain confidential and are not disclosed to parents, teachers, or the admissions office. Tuition assistance does not influence admission decisions.

## Partnering with FACTS

To fairly evaluate each family's financial situation, we collaborate with FACTS, a secure third-party platform. This partnership helps us determine the appropriate tuition adjustment level that matches your family's needs. Applications are completed and financial documents are uploaded directly on the FACTS website at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3fv07>



## Subsidy Programs

Westside Waldorf welcomes state and federal childcare subsidies to aid families with working or school-attending parents. We partner with Connections for Children and accept PathwaysLA subsidies. Families needing early childhood tuition assistance should apply for these subsidies, and those who qualify will be prioritized for our tuition assistance. If approved for a subsidy, please contact our Admissions office to confirm its acceptance.





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### Steps to Apply for Tuition Assistance

If you are considering applying for Tuition Assistance, please follow these steps to ensure a smooth application process:

- 1. Understand Our Values:** Before applying, familiarize yourself with our mission and values to ensure that Westside Waldorf is the right fit for your family.
- 2. Submit an Application for Admission:** Begin by submitting your child's application for admission to the school. This is a prerequisite for financial aid consideration.
- 3. Complete the Tuition Assistance Application:** Use our online financial aid platform, FACTS, to submit your application. Be prepared to provide detailed financial information to assess your eligibility for assistance.
- 4. Provide Supporting Documentation:** Gather and submit any required documentation, including:
  - **Tax Returns:** Signed copies of federal income tax returns (1040s) and all schedules (C, E, F).
  - **Income Documentation:** W-2 forms and 1099 forms.
  - **Bank Statements:** Recent statements for all checking and savings accounts.
  - **Asset/Investment Records:** Information on stocks, bonds, trust funds, and non-primary real estate.
  - **Debt/Expense Information:** Mortgage or rent, education loans, and unusual expenses (e.g., medical, funeral, repairs).
  - **Business Records:** If self-employed, K-1, 1065, or 1120-S forms.

**Families with separated parents must list both parents on the Tuition Assistance application, irrespective of financial responsibility agreements, unless a court has legally revoked one parent's custody and documentation is available.**

**5. Apply for a childcare subsidy program, if applicable.**

**6. Complete the Admissions Application Process:** Finish your EC or Grades application with recommendation forms, complete student visits and teacher meetings, and receive your acceptance decision letter from our Admissions office.

**7. Review TA Award:** Once your application has been accepted, you will receive a TA award letter detailing the assistance available to you.

**8. Accept the Offer:** If you are satisfied with the TA package and not opting to appeal, sign and return your offer letter to the TA committee, as well as sign your Enrollment Agreement and submit tuition deposit.

We are dedicated to assisting families in making a Westside Waldorf School education accessible and are here to guide you through this process. For further information or assistance, please contact our admissions office, or reach out directly to our anonymous TA committee at [tuitionassistance@wswaldorf.org](mailto:tuitionassistance@wswaldorf.org). We look forward to embarking on this enriching educational journey with your family.

*Westside Waldorf School admits students of any race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion in the administration of its educational programs, admission and tuition assistance policies, and other school-administered program.*