



# Montessori

ACADEMY OF LONDON

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Dear Parents,

Since our founding in 1968, we have provided the highest quality Montessori education to families in the greater London area. We have also always been committed to providing financial assistance to parents who have made a Montessori education for their children a social and financial priority.

The **Ann Marie Harding Financial Support Program** provides tuition support for families who have shown a commitment to our Casa, Elementary and Junior High programs, and who can demonstrate financial need. We accept applications from families with children enrolled *from second-year Casa through Junior High* and who have been enrolled at the Academy for at least two consecutive years.

If you are interested in being considered for the Ann Marie Harding Financial Support Program, you must submit an application along with supporting documents to Apple Financial Services. This independent company analyzes parents' financial ability to contribute to educational expenses. **The deadline to apply for consideration for the 2017-2018 academic year is Friday, Jan. 13, 2017.**

### To apply:

**Step 1:** Online applications are available directly through Apple Financial Services. Forms are only available digitally and are the responsibility of each family to obtain.

- 1) Apple Financial at [www.applefinancialservices.ca](http://www.applefinancialservices.ca)  
or
- 2) On the Financial Support page of our website: [www.montessori.on.ca/financial-support](http://www.montessori.on.ca/financial-support)

**Step 2:** Complete the application and submit all supporting documentation to Apple Financial Services before **Friday, Jan. 13, 2017**. Families will be notified of their financial support status by **Friday, Feb. 17, 2017**.

Supporting documentation includes:

- 1) Government income slips (ie. copies of 2015 T4 or 2014 T4)
- 2) Government notices (ie. 2015 Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment) / or applicable Self-Employment Schedules or Company documentation.
- 3) Mortgage documentation.
- 4) Declaration of Rental Income.

On the reverse side of this letter is an FAQ of the Ann Marie Harding Financial Support Program.

Sincerely,

Margaret Whitley, Executive Director

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## **Ann Marie Harding Financial Support Program FAQ**

### **Who is eligible for support?**

All families who have been a part of the school for at least two consecutive years and whose children are enrolled in our Second or Third Year Casa, Elementary, or Junior High programs are eligible to apply for financial support. Children in our Toddler and First Year Casa programs are not eligible to apply.

### **How do I apply for financial support?**

Apple Financial Services is a member of the Financial Aid for Canadian Students (FACS) program and acts as a financial assistance advisor. Families applying for Financial Support must complete the FACS Parents' Financial Statement available directly online at [www.applefinancialservices.ca](http://www.applefinancialservices.ca). The application and all supporting documents are forwarded directly to Apple Financial Services for analysis. **All applications must be submitted to Apple Financial Services for review by Friday, Jan. 13, 2017.**

### **When do I know if I will receive financial support?**

Apple Financial Services will perform a need analysis which is then reviewed by both the Registrar and Executive Director of Montessori Academy of London. The school holds this information in strict confidence, and families are asked to do the same. **Families will be notified of their financial support status by Friday, Feb. 17, 2017.**

### **How is financial assistance determined?**

Apple Financial Services provides Financial Aid for Canadian Students (FACS) application form and uses a standard formula to determine a family's needs. Income, expenses, assets and debts, age, size of family, and the number of children at tuition-paying schools and universities are considered. Based on its ability to support families and their level of need, the Academy will then determine what, or if, financial support will be offered to each applicant.

### **How much can we expect to receive?**

The level of support varies, but qualifying families in the past have received between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per child.

### **Is the assistance renewable each year for the same amount?**

Each year is considered separately and therefore a new application must be filed each year. Changes in financial status may affect the amount of support. Often, the amount remains the same until graduation.

### **What if the parents are divorced or separated?**

The FACS requires information of financial status to be provided from both parents as indicated on the application. Confidentiality is assured. Please contact Apple Financial Services for more information: [www.applefinancialservices.ca/contact](http://www.applefinancialservices.ca/contact)

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