



Montessori

ACADEMY OF LONDON

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Dear Parents,

For more than 50 years, Montessori Academy of London has provided the highest quality Montessori education to families in the greater London area. We recognize the significant financial commitment that families make when they invest in a traditional Montessori education; a commitment that some families can find challenging. For this reason, we have continued to assist parents who have made a Montessori education a priority for their children through the **Anne Marie Harding Financial Support Program**.

Families are eligible to apply to the program after completing one year at Montessori Academy. All families currently enrolled in Toddler through Junior High are eligible to apply for support for the 2024-2025 school year.

Applications are processed through Apple Financial, an independent company that analyzes parents' financial ability to contribute to educational expenses; Apple Financial then provides recommendations for support to the school. 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](https://www.applefinancialservices.ca) by **Monday, Jan. 8, 2024**.

To apply:

Step 1: Complete the online application, which is available directly through Apple Financial Services. Forms are only available digitally and are the responsibility of each family to obtain.

- 1) Visit Apple Financial at www.applefinancialservices.ca

Step 2: Submit all supporting documentation to Apple Financial Services before **Monday, Jan. 8, 2024**. All supporting documentation must be received prior to the deadline, as any late applications will delay the process for all families waiting to be notified of their financial support status. We will do our best to notify families prior to the re-enrolment deadline of **Friday, Feb. 9, 2024**. Supporting documentation includes:

- 1) Government income slips (ie. copies of 2022 T4 or 2021 T4)
- 2) Government notices (ie. 2022 Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment) / or applicable Self-Employment Schedules or Company documentation.
- 3) Mortgage documentation.
- 4) Declaration of Rental Income.

Apple Financial may request further documentation after your application has been submitted. If this is necessary, you will be notified via email.

Sincerely,

Tina Brown, Executive Director

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Ann Marie Harding Financial Support Program FAQ

Who is eligible for support?

Families are eligible to apply to the program after completing one year at Montessori Academy. All families (Toddler through Junior High) currently enrolled in the 2023-2024 school year are 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. 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 Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.

When do I know if I will receive financial support?

Apple Financial Services will perform a needs analysis which is then reviewed by 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 receive a letter via email notifying them of their financial support status prior to the re-enrolment deadline of Friday, Feb. 9, 2024.

How is financial assistance determined?

Apple Financial Services provides a 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. Apple Financial then sends recommendations for support to the school.

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.

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

Is there a cost or fee to apply for financial support?

A fee of \$130 is required to process and review all applications. The fee is due to Apple Financial Services at the time of application.