



RISING TIDE PRESCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

2020-2021

Thank you for your interest in our Rising Tide Scholarship Program. This scholarship program was created to help support children and their families when they choose high quality early education for their child. We understand the expense of preschool may be a strain on a family's budget, and we seek to help eligible families reduce their cost through scholarships. Preference will be given to minority students who are typically underrepresented in preschool programs. Scholarships are limited and vary from year to year depending on funds available.

To apply for a Rising Tide Preschool Scholarship, complete the attached application and send the application and a copy of your Federal Income Tax Return or Returns for all individuals supporting the household to the Rising Tide Scholarship Manager.

Scholarship Goals:

- To provide a quality preschool experience for children whose family cannot afford full Rising Tide Preschool tuition fees.
- To help ensure economic and social diversity within Rising Tide Preschool.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Your child will be 2, 3, or 4 years of age as of September 1st, 2020.
- Your child attends or will attend Rising Tide Preschool.
- Your family meets income guidelines. Please note that this is gross income and includes salary/wages/stipends, unemployment benefits, SSI, FIP, Social Security, Child Support, Veteran's benefits, and direct student loans.

Scholarship Agreement Period:

Families are able to apply for a scholarship at any time throughout the school year. Scholarships are offered on a rolling basis and it is anticipated the contracting period would be for one school year ending August 31st. Applicants would need to reapply each year if they continue to need assistance.

If your child is awarded a scholarship, payment will be made directly to Rising Tide Preschool. The remaining tuition balance will be required by Rising Tide Preschool and will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.



Attendance Policy:

Preschool attendance will be monitored by the school and reported to the Rising Tide Scholarship Program monthly. At least 85% attendance will be required for participation in the scholarship program. If the child is sick and misses school, these days will not be included in the 85% attendance requirement if a written doctor's excuse is provided.

If attendance falls below 85%, one warning will be given to parents by program management. The second time attendance falls below 85%, the child may be terminated from the scholarship program and not be allowed to re-enter during the current school year. Full Rising Tide Preschool tuition will then be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Scholarship Funding Parameters:

Scholarship funds will be distributed throughout the academic year to eligible families after review by the Rising Tide Preschool Board.

The following table outlines 2020 Area Median Income levels for Nantucket County. Requirements for Rising Tide Scholarships are 120% or below Area Median Income.

2020 Area Median Income for Nantucket County

PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	AREA MEDIAN INCOME			
	50%	80%	100%	120%
1	\$40,850	\$56,150	\$81,700	\$98,160
2	\$46,700	\$64,150	\$93,400	\$112,200
3	\$52,550	\$72,150	\$105,100	\$126,240
4	\$58,350	\$80,150	\$116,700	\$140,160
5	\$63,050	\$86,600	\$126,100	\$151,440
6	\$67,700	\$93,000	\$135,400	\$162,600
7	\$72,400	\$99,400	\$144,800	\$173,880
8	\$77,050	\$105,800	\$154,100	\$185,040



Application for The Rising Tide Preschool Scholarships will not be considered until a completed application and a copy of the family Federal Income Tax Return (or all supporting household income verification documentation) has been received.

Applications should be returned to and questions directed to:

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Rising Tide Scholarship Manager

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Rising Tide Preschool

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2020-21 RISING TIDE PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

CHILD INFORMATION			
Name			
Date of Birth	___/___/___	Child lives with	Mother/Father Other _____
Male/Female		Ethnicity	
Child's Primary Language		Child's Secondary Language	
Physical Address		Mail Address (if applicable)	
Number of Days per Week at RTP			
FAMILY INFORMATION			
Name of Primary Contact		Relationship to Child	
Physical Address		Mail Address (if applicable)	
Home Phone Number		Place of Work	
Cell Phone Number		Work Number	



Email Address		Ethnicity	
Marital Status		Primary Language	
Education Level	_High School _GED or Trade Training _2 Year College Degree _4 Year College Degree _Master's Degree or Higher		
List all other people who live in the your home (including other children)			
Name	Relationship to Child	Employer (if applicable)	
Number of Adults Living in the Home			
Number of Children Living in the Home			
FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
Contributes to household:	Mother/Father/Other _____		
Primary Caregiver Works:	Full Time Part Time		
		Income from Wages	\$
		Child Support/Alimony	\$
		Unemployment/Social Security	\$
		Other (SNAP, WIC, please specify)	\$



		TOTAL monthly income from all contributing adults before taxes	\$
How much tuition do you feel your family can contribute each month? (You must enter a dollar amount here)			\$ _____

Documentation of income must be included with this application or the application will not be processed until the necessary documentation has been received.

Documentation:

- Copy of Federal Income Tax Return or Returns for all individuals supporting the household
- If a Federal Income Tax Return is not available, the last 2 month's pay stubs for all individuals supporting the household
 - Or, last month's bank account statement showing disability, unemployment, social security, child support, or other income

By signing below, you agree to the terms of participation in the Rising Tide Scholarship Program including attendance and co-payment requirements and release of information to Rising Tide Preschool for program data collection and reporting. You are also stating that all above information is correct and all information relevant to the processing of this application has been disclosed. Individual personal information will be kept confidential.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Scholarship applications are reviewed by Rising Tide Preschool's board of directors, and awarded based on needs. Names and other identifying information are used for billing and record keeping only and are kept confidentially by the Rising Tide Preschool director. In the event of funding shortfalls and/or high scholarship demands the board may request additional information regarding your application.