



## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Montessori School of Casper and its Board of Directors wish to see that all families have access to our quality early learning environment. As a result, we have expanded our scholarship program to bridge the gap between necessity and opportunity for area families in financial need. Families can apply for scholarships for the upcoming school year in the spring prior to enrollment. After recipients are notified of their award in the spring, there are no remaining funds for scholarships available until the following school year.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Application deadline for returning students: **February 28, 2023**

Application deadline for new students: **June 16, 2023**

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The Montessori School of Casper (MSC) Board of Directors has the following guiding principles for awarding scholarship funds:

**Privacy:** The MSC Board of Directors strives to ensure each family's right to privacy. We will use a third party to assess the financial needs of all families seeking assistance.

**Financial Prudence:** The Scholarship Committee is limited to the amount of money that has been specifically donated for scholarship, interest generated by the long term scholarship fund and/or money set aside by the MSC Board of Directors from the general fund. The total amount varies from year to year. We cannot guarantee that one year's allocation will be the same the following year. Additionally, awardees will need to reapply for scholarship funds year to year.

**Enrollment Continuity:** All students applying for financial assistance must be accepted into the MSC program (**waitlisted students may still apply**). Priority will be given to re-enrolling students and returning families.

**Parental/Guardian Involvement:** Typical scholarship awards will range between 15% - 45% of full tuition. **Parents/Guardians are still required to fulfill partial tuition payments and accessory fees along with all required volunteer hours and fundraising .**

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis on behalf of the Montessori School of Casper for the upcoming school year. This is to respect the privacy of our families' financial information. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by the predetermined deadline. Applicants can apply online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com).

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-315-9262. Other questions may be directed to the office staff at the Montessori School of Casper.

### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Montessori School of Casper has partnered with ACE Scholarships to provide financial assistance to low-income parents. ACE scholarships feels that "**every child deserves a great education...ACE Scholarships is committed to helping low-income parents provide that opportunity to their children. Our mission is to provide children of low-income families with scholarships to private schools..., and to advocate for expanded school choice.**" For more information on ACE scholarships, please visit their website at <https://www.acescholarships.org/>. To apply for ACE scholarship funds please contact MSC for application instructions.

**MSC also accepts Department of Family Services payment for Child Care Services for families who qualify.**