

How to Apply for Financial Aid

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1. Registering or re-enrollment is the first step in the process.
2. Download and submit together the Statement of Confidentiality and Application along with all items required on the check list form.
3. Unsure you have completed the check list

The following date pertains to both current and new SS families:

June 1st – Deadline to qualify for a 10-month (full year) grant. SS families must submit the **completed** Financial Aid packet and the Statement of Confidentiality. Uncompleted application packets will be returned and will be listed as unapproved until the entire completed packet is received.

Applications received after the June 1st will continue to be processed by the 2nd week of the following month for a potential partial-year grant.

SS School Board makes its decisions after reviewing the completed application packet in light of funds available and the applicant pool. If desired, a member of the School Board will be available to meet with the applicant. The School Board will notify all applicants by mail of its decisions. If funds are available after the normal enrollment cycle is completed, SS will continue to accept applications for Financial Aid. However, we strongly recommend that families complete their applications during the normal enrollment period in order to have the best opportunity to receive Financial Aid.

The School Board considers other factors in its decisions. Any unpaid balances from the prior year must also be brought current before Financial Aid will be considered, and families are expected to remain current with their payments in order for their Financial Aid to be sustained. Also, we encourage parents receiving Aid to participate as volunteers in support of SS.

Due to changes in family income, the applicant pool, and available funds, Financial Aid is not automatically renewable nor should they be assumed to remain at prior levels. Accordingly, a new application must be completed for each year that financial aid is desired.

The enrollment forms must first be completed. However, a family's decision to apply for financial aid will have no bearing on the enrollment decision. Enrollment and financial aid decisions are made independently. If within 15 days after receiving the aid decision, an applicant elects not to attend SS (and it's before school has commenced) their re-enrollment or registration fees will be refunded.

Financial Aid Checklist

Dear Applicant,

Please visit <http://www.steppingstonesgh.org/> for forms and additional information. The following items should be complete and turned in all together.

- _____ Proof of enrollment
- _____ W-2 from the past (2) years
- _____ Completed Financial Aid application
- _____ Last (2) months of bank statements
- _____ Signed and Initialed Statement of Confidentiality

Financial Aid is awarded to families based on financial need. Eligibility and aid amounts are determined by the SS School Board. Since every situation is unique, there is no maximum income level or debt ratio restriction for families to be awarded assistance. However, depending on the size of the applicant pool and the available funds, those families in the greatest financial need will receive priority. Financial Aid is not designed to support lifestyle choices that result in heavy financial stress or indebtedness. Preference will be given to families with children currently attending SS.

If awarded financial aid you agree to;

1. Notify us promptly if your financial needs change
2. Ensure your child's attendance is at 90% per month, excluding child illness
3. Keep your child's account current at all times

Note: June 1st is the application deadline in order to be considered for 10-months of Financial Aid.

Stepping Stones Preschool does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, age, or physical disability. As a religious institution, SS reserves the right to discriminate according to its religious convictions, beliefs, and practices. SS reserves the right to refuse acceptance of board candidates, hiring of employees, or affiliating with individuals or corporations that do not share the school's religious beliefs and/or meets its religious qualifications.

Statement of Confidentiality

Statement of Confidentiality / Notice to Applicants:

Original initials and signatures required.

All applicants please read and initial your acknowledgment of the following:

____ Applying for tuition assistance is to remain strictly confidential at all times between the SS School Board and yourself and/or spouse.

____ Receipt of a Financial Aid is to remain strictly confidential at all times between the SS School Board, Directors of Stepping Stones Christian Preschool, and yourself and/or spouse.

____ Should your financial position change from the time of your application, you are required to inform the School Board, accordingly. These changes include, but are not limited to: a change in employment status, level of income, and receipt of financial assistance from outside sources.

____ I / we understand that our child's attendance needs to be at 90% per month to be eligible for the next month's funds to be awarded, excluding child illness.

____ I / we understand that failure to comply with confidentiality and full disclosure of financial information may impact current and future financial aid eligibility.

____ I / we understand that tuition is to remain current in order for the aid to be sustained.

Name(s) (please print) Signature of applicant

Date

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Financial Aid Application

Amount of aid needed/month: \$ _____

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Social Security No _____ Married Single Divorced Separated

Total monthly income of child's mother \$ _____

Employer's name: _____ Phone: _____
Total monthly income of child's father \$ _____

Employer's name: _____ Phone: _____

Are you receiving child support? (This includes state assistance. YES NO If yes, total amount \$ _____

If you are receiving child support was it included in the above monthly income amount? YES NO

Do you have other dependents YES NO If yes, how many?

Reason for Aid

Please give us a brief description of why you are asking for tuition aid. You may also use the back of this application if needed.

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to tuition aid, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in termination of my child's enrollment. I further understand that my employers may be contacted to verify employment information.

Signature: _____ Date: _____