



## What is Tuition Assistance?

Tuition Assistance is a grant awarded to a family to assist them in paying tuition. Assistance is based on demonstrated need and program funds available.

## Does this assistance have to be repaid?

No.

## How is Tuition Assistance funded?

Funds are set aside specifically for tuition assistance as well as from designated Annual Fund gifts, from West Side's spring fundraising event, and from other gifts made to the school.

## Who should apply?

Families are encouraged to apply if a need exists. Both new and returning students are eligible for assistance. A number of factors, including the number of children attending private schools and family income, are considered in determining if a family will qualify for tuition assistance. In 2016-2017, 132 students from 88 families received grants.

## When do I apply?

Applications should be submitted as early as possible after January 1, but no later than March 1. Applications received after March 1 will be considered only if additional funds become available.

## How do I apply?

To apply, go online to [www.montessoritoledo.org](http://www.montessoritoledo.org) and click on the FACTS link at the bottom of the webpage. For the 2017-2018 school year, there is a \$30 application fee.

FACTS Grant & Assessment, an independent firm, serves private schools nationwide. It provides a family financial analysis in an objective, impartial and consistent manner.

One application form is used for all children in the family.

*All information submitted to FACTS or the Tuition Assistance Committee is held in the strictest confidence.*

## Do I re-apply each year?

**YES.** Tuition assistance grants are made for one year only since a family's financial situation and needs may change. If a family's financial position has not substantially changed, West Side will strive to provide a similar award.

## Is my intent deposit due before I receive a Tuition Assistance Award?

**YES.** The Tuition Assistance Committee will review applications only after a student has been accepted and has made an intent deposit. The intent deposit is refundable in the event that a family does not receive an award or the award is not sufficient to meet a family's needs.

## How do I know if I qualify for assistance?

Notification of the Tuition Assistance Committee's decision is sent in early April to all admitted students' families that have completed tuition assistance applications.

The Tuition Assistance Committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees, makes the decisions on grant distribution using the family financial analysis provided by FACTS. FACTS calculates the amount a family should be able to contribute towards tuition based on financial information that includes income level and a modest standard of living in the Toledo area. Other information such as the number of family members and the number of children attending private schools is also used in determining a family's contribution. The following criteria are also considered by the Tuition Assistance Committee:

- the amount of assistance a family has received in the previous year.
- returning families requesting assistance will have priority over families new to the school.
- the resources available for assistance.

## Will Tuition Assistance cover all my tuition?

Every family at West Side is required to invest something towards the education of their child. Tuition assistance pays a portion of the cost of educating a child at West Side Montessori.

## Who do I contact for more information?

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