



Dear Prospective Parents,

Thank you for considering Saxtons River Montessori School for your child's early education.

**New Student Application:** The New Student Application Form must be completed and returned to SRMS, along with a \$25 application fee in order to be considered for admission. We will contact you in April to arrange a school visit for your family in May. You will receive notification of your child's placement in your program of choice by mid-June.

Once you receive your child's acceptance letter, the next step will be to complete an **Enrollment Form and submit a \$200 tuition deposit** to confirm your place in the program. Tuition deposits are applied to the full year's tuition payment. Any reserved placements that are unconfirmed by July 1st will be made available to other applicants. Please know that we have very few openings from year to year and often maintain a student waitlist. Incoming 3-year olds applying for our full-time, 4-day program will be given priority over other applicants.

**Tuition:** Our Board of Directors will review the school's finances and tuition annually at mid-year. **Tuition rates for the following year will then be posted on the website.**

**Public Pre-K Funding:** Per Vermont's Universal Pre-K Act 166, all children who are age 3-5 on or before 9/1 of the year they begin pre-K, are eligible to receive UPK funding, regardless of family income or circumstances. This amount is paid directly to the school and deducted from the tuition. Families apply for this funding directly through their own Vermont school district. Please fill out a Public Pre-K registration form and submit any documentation (e.g. birth certification, etc.) directly to WNESU or your school district. More information about current UPK funding amounts can be found at <https://education.vermont.gov/student-support/early-education/universal-prekindergarten-act-166/funding>.

**Building Bright Futures:** This is a state program that offers generous tuition assistance to eligible families, based on income and child care need (e.g. parents who both work or go to school, etc.) To see if your family is eligible, please go to <http://www.brightfutures.dcf.state.vt.us> and click the Child Care Benefits tab.

**Scholarships:** The school offers partial scholarships based on financial need and the amount of money available in our budget. If you wish to apply for scholarship aid, we ask that you first apply to see if your family is eligible for Bright Futures tuition assistance. Only once you have received word from BBF, we will ask you to complete and return the Scholarship Application Form to SRMS.

**Variance Requests:** Applications with requests for program variations from the standard SRMS offerings will be waitlisted and filled on a space-available basis at a later date. A letter to the Director/School Board, outlining the reason behind your need for the variance, must accompany any request.