



## **YASMINE BENSAID SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2017-2018: DEADLINE TO APPLY – FRIDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2017**

### **Scholarship Philosophy and Sources of Funding**

Montessori World School (“MWS”) is committed to providing quality Montessori education within a socially diverse community at a reasonable cost. Nevertheless, we recognize that some families could use financial aid to assist with their children’s educational expenses. The Yasmine Ben Said Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial aid to families who are struggling to afford this educational opportunity for their children. Through the collaborative efforts of MWS and the MWS-Parent Teacher Organization (MWS PTO), the generosity of parent and corporate donors, and PTO fundraising events, one or more partial tuition scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year. These scholarships are designed to assist with tuition payments, and will not cover full tuition. In 2016-2017, seven families benefitted from the scholarship fund.

### **Eligibility and Scholarship Award Criteria**

You must have at least one child enrolled at MWS for the 2016-2017 school year and be current on your account with MWS to be eligible for this scholarship. Award(s) will be given based on financial need, a long term commitment to a Montessori education, and a desire to promote the school’s mission and vision statements, as demonstrated in a personal statement not to exceed 500 words. Being active in the school community and volunteer opportunities through the PTO help demonstrate this commitment, and it would be expected that recipients continue in this role throughout the school year. Award(s) are made from available funds at the sole discretion of the MWS PTO. Submission of an application does not guarantee you will be awarded a scholarship for 2017-2018. Receipt of this scholarship award in the past does not guarantee you will be awarded a scholarship for 2017-2018. MWS reserves the right to refuse to accept any scholarship awarded and MWS PTO reserves the right to withdraw any scholarship awarded if the applicant becomes delinquent on their account with the school or if there are other factors which warrant refusal and/or withdrawal of the award.

### **Application Procedures and Deadlines**

All interested families must complete the application form and submit the application along with all the requested documents, including all attachments and schedules for **both** parents, in a sealed envelope addressed to MWS Scholarship Award Committee. Applications must be received in the office (not postmarked) by MWS on or before **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Submissions will be reviewed by the MWS Scholarship Award Committee and additional information may be requested. All applicants will be notified in writing of the Committee’s decision by **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**.

All information provided with the application will be kept strictly confidential. Only members of the MWS Scholarship Committee and its professional advisors will review application materials.

### **Scholarship Awards**

Scholarship recipients will be required to sign a Scholarship Agreement. Scholarship awards will be paid by MWS PTO directly to MWS on a semi-annual basis. If MWS PTO fails to provide the scholarship funds to MWS, the scholarship recipient will be responsible for the unpaid amount. Furthermore, if your child does not complete the 2017-2018 school year, your scholarship will be prorated and the unused portion of the scholarship shall be returned to the scholarship fund.

For additional information, please contact Robert Yee (MWS CFO) at [ryee@montessoriworldschool.com](mailto:ryee@montessoriworldschool.com), or Priti Patel, MWS PTO Treasurer, at [epritipatel@gmail.com](mailto:epritipatel@gmail.com).



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**2017-2018 Scholarship Application**

Montessori World School (“MWS”) admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, and programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. MWS and MWS-PTO do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship or other school-administered programs.

Please complete the following in its entirety (if a section is left blank, please provide an explanation):

Student’s name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s or Guardian’s full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father’s or Guardian’s full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address (if different than mailing address or if parents do not reside in the same home):

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Daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s No. year(s) at MWS \_\_\_\_\_ Family’s No. year(s) at MWS: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings at MWS (Names and Ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Next year student will be in the \_\_\_\_\_ Program.

Please write a brief statement (maximum of 500 words) expressing why you value a Montessori education for your child at MWS. Please include ways in which you have been an active volunteer within the school community. (Please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

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Please include any special circumstances in your financial situation, including any other scholarships you anticipate receiving for the 2017-2018 academic year:

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After making reasonable financial sacrifice, how much money per month can you contribute toward your child's tuition:

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**\*\*PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION:**

- IRS Tax returns for 2015 for both parents with all schedules and attachments
- IRS Tax returns for 2016 for both parents with all schedules and attachments (if 2016 tax returns are not available, please provide the following:
  - o IRS Tax returns for 2014 for both parents with all schedules and attachments
  - o Proof of extension for 2016, W-2 and 1099 for both parents
  - o Latest payslip(s) for both parents
- Bank statements for the last 3 months for both parents

\_\_\_\_\_ please initial here indicating that the requested documentation above is attached.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**All scholarship applications are CONFIDENTIAL. Please submit this completed application form with the requested documentation in a sealed envelope either in person to Mrs. Bonilla, Office Manager, in the front office, or via mail to:**

Montessori World School PTO (Scholarship Committee)  
11659 Ruby Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32836

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*Applications must be received (not postmarked) by that date.*

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**CRITERIA AND DOCUMENT CHECK LIST**

Please be sure you meet the following criteria and include the following documents with your application. Incomplete applications may not be considered. Please take the time to ensure you have met all of the requirements listed below by checking off each requirement.

COMPLETE	REQUIREMENT
	You must have at least one child enrolled at MWS for 2016-17 school year
	You must be current on your account at MWS
	Submit completed 2017-2018 Scholarship Application form which shall include a statement not to exceed 500 words expressing importance of a Montessori education at MWS and demonstrating commitment through volunteering within the community and details, including name and amount, of other scholarships received
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