

At Bala House young children discover themselves as creative, independent learners in a diverse, supportive Montessori environment.



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BALA HOUSE MONTESSORI SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Our Philosophy:

At Bala House Montessori, we believe that financial circumstances should not prevent a child from experiencing a Montessori education. Our **need-based tuition assistance program** supports families who value our philosophy and seek to be part of our community. Socioeconomic diversity enriches the school, fostering a more inclusive and dynamic learning environment.

While we are committed to helping families, the **primary responsibility for financing education rests with the family**. We expect applicants to consider all available resources—including contributions from relatives—and to review lifestyle choices that may affect financial capacity (such as multiple private school enrollments, ownership of luxury assets, club memberships, or a parent choosing not to work).

Our goal is to provide a fair and thoughtful process that balances family need with the school's available resources.

How Awards Are Determined:

Tuition assistance decisions are made by the **Tuition Assistance Committee**, which operates independently from the Admissions Committee. Applying for tuition assistance does **not** affect admission decisions.

All awards are based solely on **demonstrated financial need**, without regard to race, color, religion, ethnicity, or national origin.

Application Rounds and Deadlines:

Bala House now offers **two rounds** for tuition assistance applications:

<u>Round</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Notification Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<u>Round 1</u>	March 2	Provisional award by March 13. Final award after submission of 2025 tax documents.	Submit 2024 tax documents by March 2nd . Provisional awards are confirmed once 2025 tax documents are received.
<u>Round 2</u>	April 15	Final award by April 30	Submit 2025 tax documents.

Late applications will be considered only as long as funds remain available.

How to Apply:

Families applying for tuition assistance must complete the following steps through **School and Student Services (SSS) by NAIS**:

1. Complete and upload the **Bala House Tuition Assistance Application Form** to the SSS portal:
<https://sssandtadsfa.my.site.com/familyportal>
2. Submit the **Parents' Financial Statement (PFS)** online through SSS.
3. Upload your **1040 Federal Tax Return** (including all W-2s and schedules). For Round 1, we would need both 2024 and 2025 tax returns. For Round 2, we would require only 2025 tax returns.

Optional: You may submit a personal letter describing any special financial circumstances directly to the School Director.

All financial information is held in the **strictest confidence** and reviewed only by the Tuition Assistance Committee.

Admissions and Tuition Assistance:

Applying for tuition assistance has **no impact** on admission decisions.

New students may apply for assistance **after receiving an enrollment contract**. Awards are based on both **demonstrated need** and **available funds**.

Because family and school circumstances change, tuition assistance must be **reapplied for each school year**. If your financial situation or school schedule changes, please update your information in SSS promptly.

Income Reporting Requirements:

In cases of **divorce, separation, or remarriage**, both parents (and current spouses, if applicable) must complete separate tuition assistance applications. Each household's financial information remains confidential and is not shared between parents.

If a parent is not employed and does not report unemployment income, an **estimated income of \$20,000** will be included in the analysis for fairness. Financial support from grandparents or relatives should also be reported on the PFS if not already reflected in tax documents.