

# SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

## Statement of Purpose

The Board of Directors of Valley Drive Preschool has established a Scholarship Fund because we feel it is beneficial to all of our children. For some of our children the benefit will be financial, but all of our children will be enriched by the cultural, ethnic, social, and economic diversity which a scholarship fund can provide.

## Processing Procedures

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it to the Board President. The following individuals will meet and make a determination prior to the date established for registration for enrollment: The Scholarship Committee, the Administrative Director of Valley Drive, the President of the Board, the Membership Co-Chairs, and the Treasurer.

## Availability

Members of the Board of Directors will determine annually the amount to be made available for scholarships for the coming year. The amount will be included in the annual budget. Notice of availability of scholarships will be given along with the Application Form. The school will make every effort to grant at least one full scholarship per year. However, both full and partial scholarships may be awarded.

## Eligibility

Eligibility will be based on financial need, commitment to and ability to fully participate in the cooperative program, and applicant's contribution to the ethnic and cultural diversity of the school. To determine financial need we will not consider income level alone, but also take into consideration other factors such as unemployment, underemployment, and medical or educational expenses that would prevent a child from enrolling or continuing in our school. Scholarships are made for one year, but may be renewed upon evidence of continuing need. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

## Parental Duties and Responsibilities

Families receiving scholarships are required to meet the responsibilities of the cooperative program.