



Fiore Montessori School Financial Aid Information

Policy Statement

Fiore offers financial aid so that we may enroll and retain students who could not otherwise afford to attend. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, family structure, gender identity, or sexual orientation in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid programs, and other school-administered programs. Fiore's financial aid funds are reserved for families who have no alternative to requesting assistance. Financial aid will be awarded on the basis of need.

Financial Aid Policies & Procedures

1. Fiore Montessori collaborates with ISM FAST (Financial Aid for Student Tuition) for financial aid recommendations. ISM will provide standardized and impartial processing in a confidential setting. Aid is offered based on the information provided from parents and is weighted towards elementary and middle school students.

Every family receiving aid is asked to pay some portion of the tuition; there are no awards for 100 percent of tuition. Financial aid is not automatically renewed. Families who receive aid must reapply each year.

2. Applicants must have a complete folder of required documents in order to be considered for financial aid. Forms should be received by the specified deadlines or the request for financial aid may not be processed. In addition to tax returns, all parents who own a business must also furnish a copy of their current business tax return.

3. Should discrepancies be discovered in the information provided, we reserve the right to request additional financial information from the parents at any time.

4. No award will be made until all forms have been submitted.

5. All information that parents provide is kept confidential and secure. We request parents to keep their awards in confidence.

How to Apply

The following steps have been established to help us make fair and equitable decisions regarding financial aid.

1. Complete the *online application*. Parents will apply directly via the ISM FAST website and pay an application fee of \$53. **The form is available on Fiore's website under the Admissions tab.** *In the case of separated or divorced families, the custodial parent (and present spouse) should begin the application process. The non-custodial parent (and present spouse) should also complete the application separately.*

2. **Upload these tax documents in the application:** Last year's 1040 Federal Income Tax Return with all schedules; Last year's State Tax Return with all schedules, last year's W-2 Form(s) for all working parents in the household. If your child has assets in a trust fund, you must furnish a copy of the trust agreement.

Important Dates

- Applications must be completed by **December 10th for current families** and by **January 20th for new families** for aid for the following school year.
- Financial Aid decision letters for returning students will be mailed during the first week in January that school is back in session.

Please Note: Once these timelines have passed, we cannot guarantee aid for new applications.