



The Nature Preschool

Woodpecker TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)



The Nature Preschool at Irvine Nature Center believes that all children have a right to learn and play through first-hand experiences in the natural world. Friends of The Nature Preschool agree and have donated generously to create the Woodpecker TAP (or Tuition Assistance Program) to offset the cost of tuition and Before and AfterCare for Baltimore families. This assistance is up to 40% of full tuition after the security deposit.

This form must be submitted/signed by each parent/caregiver with financial responsibility for the child. All information contained in this application will be kept confidential. Information will only be used by Irvine Nature Center to determine eligibility and the most equitable way to best meet our community's needs. Thank you for completing it entirely. For further instructions, please see the end of the application.

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ **# in household:** _____

Child's Full Name: _____ **Date of birth:** _____

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Class Schedule Desired: (Please select one)

- Full days Mon-Fri (9am-2pm)
 Mornings T/TH (9-12)
 BeforeCare: M__T__W__Th__F__
 Full days M/W/F (9am-2pm)
 AfterCare: M__T__W__Th__F__
 Full days T/TH (9am-2pm)
 (for Before and AfterCare – check all that apply)

For each parent or guardian responsible for the child, please provide the below information:

Parent/Guardian Name	Total Employment Income from Last Year (wages, tips, etc.)	Estimated Employment Income for the Current Year (wages, tips, etc.)

Does your family receive any other taxable income? Please include amount.:

Social security:	Veteran's Benefits:	Worker's Comp:
Child Support:	Inheritance:	Capital Gains:

Does your household receive any government subsidized aide? (Please check all that apply.)

- Energy Assistance**
 SNAP or FSP
 Child Care Scholarship
 Emergency Assistance to Families with Children (EAFIC)
 TANF or Temporary Cash Assistance
 Medical Assistance (including Medicaid, MD Children's Health Insurance Program)

How much will any other sources (for example, grandparents) contribute toward preschool tuition? _____

How much do you predict your family can reasonably afford per month for the upcoming school year? _____

Is enrollment in the Nature Preschool contingent upon receiving aide? _____



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PERSONAL STATEMENT: (Please keep responses to 300 words or less.)

- Please describe the importance of tuition assistance to your family.
- Explain any financial circumstances not evident on your tax return (incl. student or medical debt).
- Explain any special household circumstances or hardships that you feel would speak to how your child and family would benefit from enrollment at The Nature Preschool.
- State how/why Irvine’s mission of ‘Explore. Respect. Protect Nature.’ speaks to your family

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I have reviewed the application and certify that the information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information is subject to review and verification at any time. I understand that misrepresenting information will result in termination of eligibility for tuition assistance at any time.

(NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

(NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

TO SUBMIT

Complete and submit this form along with a copy of your most recent income tax return. We prefer application to be submitted by mail or in person. If you send your application digitally, please make sure to black out your SSN. Only complete TAP applications will be considered and awarded on a first come, first serve basis with the intention of awarding families with the strongest need the greatest amount. A general Nature Preschool Application Form must also be completed. If enrollment in The Nature Preschool is dependent on receiving TAP, the date the TAP application is received will be considered the student’s application date, not the date the general application was received.

Please address all applications to: Irvine Nature Center Attn: Katie Rooney
11201 Garrison Forest Rd. Owings Mills, MD 21117.