



## 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 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 help offset the cost of tuition and Before and AfterCare for families. **This assistance may be up to 40% of full tuition after the security deposit.**

**DIRECTIONS:** Only complete TAP applications will be considered and awarded with the intention of awarding families with the strongest need the greatest amount. Please note, a general Nature Preschool enrollment application must also be completed. **TAP applications are due January 9, 2024.**

- 1) Complete this form entirely. Each guardian with financial responsibility for the child must sign this form.
- 2) Write a personal statement and include it on a separate paper. See second page for more information.
- 3) Submit a copy of the portions of your most recent tax return(s) documenting any income and gifts. Please be sure to black out any social security numbers.
- 4) Submit your completed application (all 3 components). While we prefer applications be submitted by mail or in person, we will accept applications emailed to [RooneyK@ExploreNature.org](mailto:RooneyK@ExploreNature.org). Please address all applications to: Irvine Nature Center Attn: Katie Rooney; 11201 Garrison Forest Rd. Owings Mills, MD 21117.

**APPLICATION** All information contained in this application and supporting documents 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.

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name (if applying 2 students): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Schedule Desired:** (Please select one)

- Full days Mon-Fri (9am-2pm)
- Full days M/W/F (9am-2pm)
- Full days T/TH (9am-2pm)
- Mornings T/TH (9-12)

**Before or AfterCare:** (Check all that apply.)

- BeforeCare: M T W Th F  
 AfterCare: M T W Th F

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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:



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

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

**The MSDE Child Care Scholarship Program** is a state program for eligible families to assist with paying for child care. The maximum annual income was recently increased, and your family may qualify! Families that qualify for the Child Care Scholarship may still be eligible for Woodpecker TAP! To learn more visit

<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/child-care-scholarship-program>

**Did you apply for the MSDE Child Care Scholarship?** Yes No      **Do you plan to apply?** Yes No

If you did apply, please share what amount you were awarded in the past: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPECTED ABILITY TO PAY**

How much do you predict you can reasonably afford **per month** for the upcoming school year? \_\_\_\_\_

How much will other sources (example: grandparents) contribute per month? \_\_\_\_\_

Is enrollment in the Nature Preschool contingent upon receiving aid? \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

**Please submit a personal statement of 300 words or less on an additional piece of paper.**

- 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 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.

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