

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 by January 9.**

- 1) Complete this form entirely. Each guardian with financial responsibility for the child must sign.
- 2) Write and include a personal statement. 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. Please address all applications to the address at the bottom of the application, Attn: Director of ECE.

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 & Email: _____ # in household: _____
 Child's Full Name: _____ Date of birth: _____
 Child's Full Name (if applying 2 students): _____ Date of birth: _____

PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE

Class Schedule Desired: (Please select one)

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

Expected Before or AfterCare Needs:

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ BeforeCare (8:30-9am): ☐ M ☐ T ☐ W ☐ Th ☐ F
- ☐ AfterCare (2-5pm): ☐ M ☐ T ☐ W ☐ Th ☐ F

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For **each parent or guardian** responsible for the child, please provide the following 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 aid? (Please check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> SNAP or FSP | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Scholarship (CCS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Assistance to Families with Children (EAFC) | <input type="checkbox"/> TANF or Temporary Cash Assistance | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (including Medicaid, MD Children's Health Insurance Program) | | |

OTHER CHILD CARE AID

The MSDE Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS) is a state program for eligible families to assist with paying for child care. To learn more visit <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/child-care-scholarship-program>.

Child Care Aware offers financial assistance to active duty military personnel to help pay for child care. To learn more visit <https://www.childcareaware.org/families/>.

Families that qualify for either program may still be eligible for Woodpecker TAP!

Did you apply for either program? Check all that apply ☐ CCS ☐ Child Care Aware military assistance ☐ Neither
Do you plan to apply? Check all that apply ☐ CCS ☐ Child Care Aware military assistance ☐ Neither

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? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

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 (including significant 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.

(NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

(NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)