



Since 1983

SWAN SCHOOL

Creative Independent Education

2017-2018

SWAN SCHOOL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

Swan School awards a number of scholarships each year for outstanding academic, creative, or leadership qualities. This is done in order to maintain a highly motivated student body, to give gifted and talented students the opportunity afforded by an independent education that they otherwise would not be able to experience, and to recognize and reward the achievement of existing students.

- Merit scholarships are not need-based and are independent of financial aid. Financial aid is awarded to families whose finances make it difficult for them to pay full tuition; merit scholarships may be offered regardless of financial need. A family is welcome to apply for both a scholarship and financial aid, but will likely receive only one or the other, not both.
- The amount of each scholarship is determined by the Scholarship Committee, taking into account the ability of the candidate as well as the overall financial circumstances of the school.
- All scholarships are granted at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and are non-negotiable. The decision of the school will be final.
- Each scholarship's duration is for one academic year.
- Students are eligible to apply annually.
- A student must have a Swan School enrollment application on file to be considered for a scholarship.
- Scholarships awarded apply only to Swan School tuition and are not transferable.
- The Scholarship Review Committee is made up of the Head of School, the Operations Manager, a representative from the Swan School faculty, and a community member.
- The Scholarship Committee is charged with gathering all application materials, interviewing applicants (as appropriate), determining the amount to be awarded, and communicating the granting (or refusal) of individual scholarship awards to families.
- The Swan School Scholarship Committee will meet to review applications in the spring and as funds become available throughout the year.



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SWAN SCHOOL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Due April 21, 2017

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Applying for school year: _____

Is student currently enrolled at Swan School? yes no

Will student also be applying for Financial Aid? yes no

What percentage of tuition is family able to contribute? _____

Please use a separate piece of paper to answer the following questions (young students may dictate answers to parents):

1. What do you like best about school and why?
2. What sort of extracurricular activities are you involved in?
3. Why are you an ideal student for Swan School?
4. Please indicate the area in which you most wish to be considered, and answer the question connected to that topic:

Academics

What's your favorite subject and why? Do you spend time pursuing this outside of school and if so, how?

Creativity

Please describe your creative outlet and describe your experience with music, art, drama, etc. including classes or workshops you've taken, teachers you've studied with, performances you've participated in, etc.

Leadership

In what ways do you currently demonstrate your leadership abilities?

In addition to this questionnaire and your additional page of answered questions, we require **TWO** letters of recommendation from non-family members, at least one from the current year's teacher.

If you believe a personal interview or performance would best represent your application, you may request that one be scheduled through the Swan School office.