



Oakland Day School's *Growing Hope* Scholarship Program

Oakland Day School aspires to provide quality, early education for as many local families as possible. We believe that preschool should not be reserved only for those who can afford it, but that every child deserves the chance to grow socially, cognitively, physically, and emotionally in a safe environment where they are lavishly loved.

The ODS Committee evaluates all Growing Hope applications and allocates funds used for preschool tuition scholarships, contingent upon fund availability. Growing Hope Scholarships serve local children ages 1 to 5 who have not attended Kindergarten.

Growing Hope Goals

- To provide high-quality, early education for children whose families are unable to afford Oakland Day School's tuition fees
- To perpetuate the Oakland Day School mission to lavishly love children and families through exceptional opportunities for cognitive, social, physical, emotional, and spiritual growth.
- To provide local families living in poverty the gift of time to pursue employment and add to their income
- To provide savings on preschool expenses for families living in poverty to potentially increase their discretionary income
- To foster a missional, inclusive community of diversity within Oakland Day School

Growing Hope Parameters

Scholarships will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis to eligible families upon review of the ODS Committee. Funds will be allocated as tuition assistance for families residing in York County who are low income (up to 200% FPL), living in poverty, unemployed, underemployed, or not earning income at the Self Sufficiency Standard for family size. In partnership with Oakland Day School, scholarship recipients agree to

participant in quarterly reviews and assessments to gauge program success and benefit to the child and their family. Likewise, scholarship recipients must commit to 90% attendance rates to aid in consistent growth and development.

Growing Hope Contracting Period

The anticipated contracting period will run from September - May. Applicants will need to reapply annually.

Growing Hope Application Process

A completed application is due to Oakland Day School at the time of Enrollment. The ODS Committee will collectively review applications and determine scholarship awards. All submitted information and documentation will be confidentially used by the ODS Committee for the sole purpose of determining scholarship eligibility.

The following supporting documentation **MUST** accompany completed Scholarship applications:

- Copy of Photo ID for custodial parents/caregivers
- Copy of Rental Lease or Mortgage Payment
- Proof of income for all adults in the household to include : the most recent 2 months' pay stubs **OR** most recent month's bank account statement showing disability, unemployment, social security, child support, or other income

Scholarship Selection Criteria:

Financial need is a prerequisite for scholarship eligibility. The ODS committee will use the income guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services to determine scholarship qualification. Applicants must be at 200% or below outlined income levels, living in poverty, unemployed, underemployed, or not earning the Self Sufficiency Standard for family size (see attached tables).

2020 Poverty Guidelines

Household/Family Size	Poverty Guideline (100%)	Poverty Guideline (125%)	Poverty Guideline (200%)
1	\$12,760	\$15,950	\$25,520
2	\$17,240	\$21,550	\$34,480
3	\$21,720	\$27,150	\$43,440
4	\$26,200	\$32,750	\$52,400
5	\$30,680	\$38,350	\$61,360
6	\$35,160	\$43,950	\$70,320
7	\$39,640	\$49,550	\$79,280
8	\$44,120	\$55,150	\$88,240
9	\$48,600	\$60,750	\$97,200
10	\$53,080	\$66,350	\$106,160

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for York County and Select Family Types, 2016

County	One Adult	One Adult One Preschooler	One Adult One Preschooler One School-age	Two Adults One Preschooler One School-age
York	\$22,423	\$36,769	\$43,775	\$44,470

Source : www.selfsufficiencystandard.org/south-carolina



2020-2021 Growing Hope Scholarship Application

Child's Name _____ Child's DOB _____

Child's Primary Language _____ Child's Secondary Language _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Family Address _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Who does the child live with? _____

Family Monthly Gross Income _____ # of People in Our Family _____

STATEMENT OF MONTHLY INCOME

Father's Occupation/Place of Employment _____

Father's Employer (Name/Phone #) _____

Father's Monthly Earnings _____

Other Income
(Explain) _____

Mother's Occupation/Place of Employment _____

Mother's Employer (Name/Phone #) _____

Mother's Monthly Earnings

Other Income
(Explain) _____

What is your total monthly income? _____

FAMILY'S MONTHLY EXPENSES

Rent/Mortgage Payment _____

Insurance _____

Food _____

Medical _____

Electricity _____

Clothing _____

Gas _____

Car Payment _____

Telephone _____

Other Payments _____

Total Monthly Expenses _____

Are you able to contribute to your child's tuition payment? (Circle One) YES NO

If yes, how much can your family comfortably afford each month? _____

In which Oakland Day School class would you like your child enrolled? _____

Will you need Early Drop Off (8:00 AM)? _____

Will you need Lunch Bunch (12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)? _____

Why would you like for your child to attend Oakland Day School? _____

By signing below, you are attesting that all information within this application is accurate and up to date. Likewise, you understand that scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, and applications must be completed each year. Furthermore, if awarded a scholarship, you agree to our 90% attendance rate and understand that failure to pay the agreed upon contribution within the guidelines of the ODS Parent Handbook could result in the loss of financial aid.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

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Please submit completed application and supporting documentation to Megan Paat at Oakland Day School (1067 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29732 | mpaat@oaklandchurch.com) Please call 803-327-4400 with any questions or visit online at www.oaklanddayschool.com.