

Friends Education Fund

Supporting PYM Friends Children in PYM Friends Schools Since 1953

Friends Council on Education

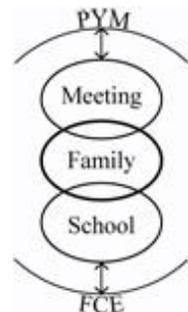
TUITION AID FOR FRIENDS CHILDREN IN PYM FRIENDS SCHOOLS 2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES for Families, Schools and Meetings

- 1) **FUND PURPOSE:** This fund increases the ability of PYM members to afford to send their children to Friends schools within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
- 2) **ELIGIBILITY:** Grants from this fund are available to children of PYM members in grades K- 12 at PYM Friends schools where families meet financial need standard as determined by the school.
- 3) **APPLICATION PROCESS:** The application process begins when the family submits an Application Form to the Monthly Meeting for signature of the clerk. The family then ensures that the signed application goes to the school right away. The overall sequence and timing of this process are set forth in the Application Timeline.
- 4) **AWARD DETERMINATION:** Each year, the grant amount per-student depends on the amount of funds available and the number of applicants. Grant amounts tend to be approximately \$600 per student or (\$1,000 per student enrolled in a Friends school for children with learning differences).
- 5) **AWARD DISTRIBUTION:** Awards from the Friends Education Fund take the form of grants to the schools. Checks are sent to the schools in the fall in a lump sum for all participating students at each school.
- 6) **FUND INFORMATION:** The income source from the Friends Council is the Friends Education Fund. Funding sources from PYM include: Jonathan E. Rhoads Endowment Fund, Samuel Jeanes Fund, Anna Gray Morris Trust and the DeCou Trust.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES & MEETINGS:

Friends schools value the presence and active participation of their Quaker families and Quaker families likewise value the institutional missions and commitments of their schools. For this reason Friends Education Fund and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting join the efforts of families, schools and Monthly Meetings to provide tuition assistance for member families who demonstrate need. Our guidelines require that at least one parent of a prospective student has been a member of a PYM Monthly Meeting for a full year prior to the supported year and that the family has met financial need criteria as determined by the Friends school.



Friends schools provide the largest share of tuition support. FEF affirms the authority of each Friends school to use its own methodology (including the “Princeton Form” of the School and Family Scholarship Service, “SSS”) to ascertain and quantify “financial need” for its families. The tuition aid grants from FEF and PYM are in addition to the aid package determined by the school.

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS:

New Students – Those families who are awaiting an admissions decision are expected to submit a PYM Application Form as part of their application for financial aid to the school. Schools should notify PYM of any student whose status is still pending as of April 1st.

Fund Restrictions – These funds are donor-restricted. FEF/PYM grants are intended to give Quaker families enhanced affordability at Friends schools. In practice, this means that schools that accept these tuition funds agree that the amounts shall be in addition to, and not in place of, other tuition aid credits for Quaker children.

Compliance with these Guidelines – PYM anticipates that there may be questions or concerns about these guidelines, particularly as they may relate to the school's overall financial aid process. The PYM Education office will welcome inquiries from schools, and will be happy to provide examples of practice that satisfy the fund restrictions in a variety of contexts. We look forward to working collaboratively with schools to ensure that Quaker families get the full benefit of these resources.