



Mancos Valley Dragonfly School

Dragonfly Financial Aid Program

Mancos Valley Dragonfly School provides tuition support for families in need, to keep the school accessible to as many families as possible. We offer three forms of assistance: the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP), Universal Preschool (UPK), and the Dragonfly Tuition Assistance Fund. We ask that families give their children's education a high priority in their financial planning. In addition, we ask that you consider help from extended family in paying for your child's tuition, including contributions from both parents/guardians, and extended family.

As a nonprofit school, we can give one form of aid per child, either CCCAP, UPK, or Dragonfly Tuition Assistance.

The Dragonfly Tuition Assistance Program is made possible by funding through in-house fundraising efforts via grants and individual donors. The Tuition Assistance Committee seeks to give as much help as we can with what funds are available.

The Application process:

1. Tuition support requests are a separate, parallel process to your application for admission. Families are asked to complete a new application each school year, and only one application per family is needed.
2. ALL information in this process is kept confidential.
3. Applications must be turned in with all pertinent financial information, including the first two pages of your families' most recent 1040 tax return. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. If parents are separated, please submit both parents' 1040s.
4. Once all information is received, the Director will contact parents, and parents have the option at this time to elaborate or add any other pertinent information to their application. Parents may choose to have an in-person interview to discuss their application for aid.
5. Dragonfly's Tuition Assistance Committee considers each application with care.
6. Families will receive notice of acceptance or denial, and award levels in a timely manner.
7. Families may apply for financial assistance at any time during the school year, based on availability of funds. If your family is awarded tuition assistance, invoices will reflect the discount in the next billing cycle.
8. Tuition assistance will not be applied to past due balances, the annual deposit and materials fee, or summer programs.
9. **Your family must remain current on tuition payments.**

The following criteria will be used to evaluate each application:

1. **Income level:** Dragonfly evaluates a need for aid based on income and family size, and the tiers reflect the 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Your family must meet the low/moderate income level and must demonstrate the need for assistance in order for your child to qualify.
2. **Optional interview:** Life is more complicated than what is shown on paper. Families have the option to sit down with the Director, to look at all pieces to determine a families' eligibility. All information is kept confidential.
3. **Agreement:** The family must observe the School policies outlined in the Parent Handbook and sign our Tuition Assistance Agreement, which you will receive upon acceptance into the program.
4. **Family's willingness to volunteer time and services.**



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Dragonfly Tuition Assistance Application

Name of Student _____ Today's Date _____

Date of Birth _____

Mother's Information:

Father's Information (if different):

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Mother's Address _____ Father's Address _____

Mother's Phone _____ Father's Phone _____

Annual Combined Income (if filing Jointly) _____

If parents are separated, we do need both parents' tax forms:

Mom's income: _____ Dad's income: _____

Please answer ALL the questions below. Attach a copy of the first two pages of your most recent filed tax form 1040. This application will not be considered without this financial documentation.

Please select your household size, then answer "above" or "below." Use your AGI (adjusted gross income), to answer the questions below. You can find it on line 11 of your 1040 tax return.

- If your household equals **2 persons**, is your annual income **above** or **below** \$19,720
- If your household equals **3 persons**, is your annual income **above** or **below** \$24,860
- If your household equals **4 persons**, is your annual income **above** or **below** \$30,000
- If your household equals **5 persons**, is your annual income **above** or **below** \$35,140
- If your household equals **6 persons**, is your annual income **above** or **below** \$40,280

Please answer the following, providing as many details as possible:

What are your sources of income?

If you are not currently employed, what are your future plans for employment?

Do you have local support systems for childcare, including family/relatives?

What are your major monthly expenses?

Within the resources available to the school, we may consider a Work Trade for tuition assistance, instead of financial assistance. What can your family offer?

We ask that you give back to the school by volunteering time. What are some ways that you would be willing and able to volunteer at Dragonfly? Opportunities will be offered throughout the school year as well.

We request that one parent from each family come to all Parent Evenings. Will this be a problem for you?

Please provide any other additional information that we should consider when reviewing this application. The more information we have about your financial situation the better.