

AFFORDABLE CUSTOMIZED TUITION PROGRAM

Q&A

MJDS wants to ensure that all Jewish children have access to a high-quality MJDS education. We are able to do this by charging the amount that's right for each family through our Affordable Customized Tuition Program.

Q. How do I apply for the Affordable Customized Tuition Program?

A. Complete a Grant Application Form (gross income under \$250k) or a Questionnaire (gross income over \$250k) and submit the necessary items. Qualified recipients of the Supporting the Advancement of Jewish Education (SAJE) program must complete a Grant Application Form.

Q. Why do families need to complete the Grant Application Form and attach so many documents?

A. We know completing this form can be a lot of work and time consuming. There are several reasons we need this information: 1) to secure a share of the \$500,000 Helen Bader Scholarship Grant funds each year; and 2) to provide information to funders and the larger Milwaukee Jewish community about the need for financial support for Jewish education.

Q. What is the Helen Bader Scholarship Grant?

A. The Helen Bader Foundation has generously donated \$500,000 to be allocated each year to the six day schools in Milwaukee based on the aggregate need demonstrated by each school.

Q. Where can I access the Grant Application Form?

- Navigate to <https://app.wizehive.com/appform/login/mjfdayschool2019>
- If this is your first time applying, complete a Family Profile first
- Complete the Signup section to set up an account for 2019-20

Q. Where can I access the Questionnaire?

A. Navigate to https://www.mjds.org/cf_forms/view.cfm?formID=262

Q. When are all requests and attachments due?

A. All requests and supporting documents must be submitted no later than Friday, April 12.

Q. Are these processes confidential?

A. MJDS greatly values the confidentiality of each family's financial information. The items shared for purposes of the Affordable Customized Tuition Program are reviewed by Business Administrator Christy Horn. All applications are reviewed with compassion and sensitivity, and materials are held in strict confidence. The information gathered is anonymously used in the process of securing grant funds from the Helen Bader Foundation.

Q. Who funds tuition affordability?

A. Tuition affordability is funded by financial support from generous donors, multi-year pledges, the Helen Bader Foundation, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, unrestricted MJDS endowment income and internal support, which includes funds from fundraising activities and the annual campaign.

Q. Does MJDS assist with other school costs?

A. MJDS assists with tuition only. Other school costs – such as transportation, afterschool programming, lunches and parent fundraising responsibilities – are not part of the tuition affordability process.

Q. What do I do if my financial situation changes after I submit my completed forms?

A. Inform Business Administrator Christy Horn immediately in writing at chorn@mjds.org.

Q. What if I submit my Grant Application Form after the deadline of April 12?

A. Forms received after April 12 may be too late for consideration. **Parents who miss the deadline for submitting a Grant Application Form may not be eligible for any financial aid through MJDS and will be assessed a \$200 late fee.** Therefore, it is crucial that you return your completed forms as soon as possible.

Q. Who should I contact if I have questions?

A. Contact Christy Horn at 414-967-8309 or chorn@mjds.org with any questions.

