

# AFFORDABLE CUSTOMIZED TUITION PROGRAM

## Q&A

At MJDS, we are committed to providing personalized, focused education that meets the needs of each student and family. We also believe we have a social obligation to bring this same commitment to the affordability of an MJDS education to ensure that every family who chooses MJDS is able to attend. We are able to do this through our Affordable Customized Tuition Program.

**Q. How do I apply for the Affordable Customized Tuition (ACT) Program?**

A. Complete an Affordable Customized Tuition Program Application and submit the necessary items.

**Q. Why do families need to complete the Affordable Customized Tuition Application and attach so many documents?**

A. We know completing this form can be a lot of work and time consuming. We need to collect this information to assure funds are being allocated equitably among families and to provide information to funders and the larger Milwaukee Jewish community about the need for financial support for Jewish education.

**Q. How can I access the ACT Application?**

A. Navigate to [https://www.mjds.org/cf\\_forms/view.cfm?formID=351](https://www.mjds.org/cf_forms/view.cfm?formID=351) (copy and paste to your browser).

**Q. When are ACT Applications and attachments due?**

A. File your tax returns early and submit your ACT application ASAP for consideration. All requests and supporting documents must be submitted no later than April 15.

**Q. Is the ACT Application process 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 our Business Administrator Christy Horn. All applications are reviewed with compassion and sensitivity, and materials are held in strict confidence.

**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 Christy Horn immediately in writing at [chorn@mjds.org](mailto:chorn@mjds.org).

**Q. What if I submit an ACT Application after the due date of April 15?**

A. Returning families who miss the due date for submission may not be eligible for any financial support and will be assessed a **\$200 late fee**. MJDS relies on setting tuition in a timely manner in order to determine funds available for the coming school year. Therefore, it is crucial that applications are submitted by the due date.

**Q. Who should I contact if I have questions?**

A. Contact Christy Horn at 414-967-8309 or [chorn@mjds.org](mailto:chorn@mjds.org) with any questions.

