

At Little Forest School (LFS), we believe that every child deserves access to quality early childhood education, regardless of financial circumstances. We understand that each family's situation is unique, and we are committed to making childcare more affordable for those in need. Our LFS Childcare Scholarship Program provides financial assistance based on need, helping families bridge the gap between tuition costs and their ability to pay.

## **Our Approach to Scholarships**

Rather than offering a fixed award based solely on income levels, we take a holistic approach to scholarship determination. Each application is reviewed by the Childcare Director and Board of Directors individually, considering not only household income but also monthly expenses, unexpected hardships, and other financial factors. Our goal is to offer fair and meaningful assistance while ensuring that available scholarship funds are distributed responsibly.

## **How to Apply**

Families interested in applying for a scholarship must complete the LFS Scholarship Application and submit at least one form of income verification. Acceptable documentation includes:

- Most recent federal tax return
- Last 30 days of pay stubs
- Proof of government assistance (e.g., Medicaid, SSDI, TANF, food stamps, WIC)
- Other relevant financial documents

Scholarship applications are accepted on an annual basis, and families must reapply each year to continue receiving assistance. If your financial situation changes at any time during the year, you are welcome to submit a new application for reconsideration.

## **Additional Support**

We encourage all families to explore the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program for additional support. If you have not applied for Wisconsin Shares, we ask that you provide a brief explanation on your application.

## **Our Commitment to You**

We understand that asking for financial assistance can be a sensitive matter. Please know that all applications are reviewed confidentially and with the utmost care. Our priority is to support families in securing the care their children need in a way that is fair, equitable, and aligned with our mission.

If you have any questions or need guidance in completing your application, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help.