

Sweet Pea Cottage Preschool of the Arts Christy Duffy Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sweet Pea Cottage is dedicated to recognizing and emphasizing the inspiration, creativity and friendship that a community brings to a child's life.

Christy Duffy, a dedicated mother, friend and member of the Sweet Pea family, believed in expanding every child's world through the arts. In loving memory of Christy's dedication to children and the expansion of this vision, we have established the Sweet Pea Cottage Christy Duffy Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This fund is supported by those who believe that every child should have access to an arts-based education regardless of financial limitations. Donations may be made to the Sweet Pea Cottage Christy Duffy Memorial Scholarship Fund at any time.

Scholarship Goals:

1. To provide children in our community who are otherwise unable to attend due to financial constraints with the opportunity to experience an exceptional preschool.
2. To further our founding mission of enriching, inspiring and expanding every child's education through the arts.

Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities:

Scholarship families are asked to embrace the Sweet Pea mission statement and to show active participation in the Sweet Pea community. The partnership between the families and Sweet Pea Cottage supports each child's development, and allows the children to reach their full potential. There are many opportunities available. These include, but aren't limited to, family movie and art days, concerts, and family dinners.

Scholarship Application Process:

Scholarship applications are available in the office at Sweet Pea Cottage. Applications should be submitted to the Registrar. The Scholarship Committee, selected by the Sweet Pea Cottage Board of Directors, will then meet to select the scholarship recipient(s). The family/families selected will be contacted by the Committee shortly thereafter. All scholarship recipient(s) must sign and return the scholarship award notification, thereby agreeing to the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

Applications for the 10-month school year September 2015-June 2016 are due April 27th, 2015. Short term applications can be submitted at any time. Recipients are welcome to reapply the following year.

1. Scholarship applications must be complete with all required accompanying documents.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review the submitted application information and determine scholarship awards. **Awards for the 2015-16 school year will be announced by May 8th, 2015.**
3. All information received during the application process will be used strictly for determining scholarship eligibility.
4. Scholarships may be awarded for up to three (3) days per week. If recipients are already enrolled for more days than the scholarship award covers, they will be expected to cover those costs independently.

Scholarship Selection Criteria:

1. Financial need is a prerequisite for scholarship eligibility.
2. Applicants must support and believe in the mission and vision of Sweet Pea Cottage.

Sweet Pea Cottage Preschool of the Arts
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA
2015-2016

Sweet Pea Cottage (SPC) is dedicated to recognizing and emphasizing the inspiration, creativity and friendship that a community brings to a child’s life. SPC’s strong commitment to offering financial assistance to eligible families stems from the belief that every child should have access to an arts-based education regardless of financial limitations. Financial assistance is awarded on the basis of financial need through the Christy Duffy Memorial Scholarship Fund. Contributions to the Christy Duffy Memorial Scholarship Fund go directly to provide financial assistance to families whose children would not otherwise be able to attend SPC. This enables us to continue to support the desires of Christy Duffy, a dedicated mother, friend and member of the Sweet Pea family, who strongly believed in expanding every child’s world through the arts.

Guidelines: Scholarships are available for the 10-month school year program only and not for the summer months (July-August) or for any extracurricular programming. A scholarship award does not waive the non-refundable application fee. Scholarship recipients are not eligible for additional discounts that would normally apply to families paying full tuition. Financial assistance is awarded on the basis of financial need within the guidelines listed in the table below. Eligibility for financial assistance does NOT guarantee actual receipt of the scholarship. The total of scholarships granted is limited by the available funds in any given year. SPC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender or handicap in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial assistance programs or other administered programs.

Number of Weekly Days Awarded based on Family Size & Household Income

Number of Children	1 Day/Week	2 Days/Week	3 Days/Week
1	\$60,000 - \$69,999	\$50,000 - \$59,999	\$40,000 - \$49,999
2	\$70,000 - \$79,999	\$60,000 - \$69,999	\$50,000 - \$59,999
3	\$80,000 - \$89,999	\$70,000 - \$79,999	\$60,000 - \$69,999
4	\$90,000 - \$99,999	\$80,000 - \$89,999	\$70,000 - \$79,999

Confidentiality: All scholarship information, including names of applicants and all financial information is confidential. Only those determining scholarship eligibility, reporting on program use and effectiveness, maintaining program records or who are responsible for review of the scholarship program have access to personal scholarship and financial information.

Termination: Receipt of any scholarship is a privilege, and continued availability is contingent on current payment of the remaining portion of tuition due each month. Scholarship awards may be terminated if payment of tuition becomes more than 30 days past due. In the event that a child should withdraw from the program before the end of any month in which a scholarship discount is awarded and applied, the unused portion of the scholarship will be refunded to the originating scholarship fund.

Sweet Pea Cottage Preschool of the Arts

Christy Duffy Memorial Scholarship Application

Sweet Pea Cottage Preschool of the Arts believes that by encouraging a healthy relationship with the imagination, we foster the children's intuitive nature for creative play and exploration while preparing them with the social and academic skills required for kindergarten and life beyond.

If financial constraints prevent you from sending your child to preschool, or if your current preschool attendance causes excessive financial stress on your family, please complete this confidential form to apply for our scholarship.

Date: _____

Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Family Address: _____

Telephone #'s: _____

E-Mail: _____

Does the child currently attend preschool? _____

If yes, where? _____

Parent/Guardian 1:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name and address of Employer (if applicable):

Position or Type of Work: _____

Parent/Guardian 2:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name and address of Employer (if applicable):

Position or Type of Work: _____

Additional Parents/ Guardians:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name and address of Employer (if applicable):

Position or Type of Work: _____

Estimated yearly family income:

Amount: _____

Source(s): _____

List all children currently living at home:

Name	Date of Birth	Present School	Annual Cost

Please describe any preschool/ social experience your child has had:

How would your child benefit from attending Sweet Pea Cottage Preschool?

Why do you choose Sweet Pea Cottage instead of another preschool?

Briefly, tell us about your child:

Do you have special circumstances to consider for scholarship eligibility?

Christy Duffy shared Sweet Pea’s core belief which emphasizes the importance of stewardship and connection to ones community. How will your family help enrich, sustain and fulfill this belief?

Your scholarship application will be reviewed upon receipt by the Scholarship Committee. Please fill out your application completely, and submit the following items with your application.

- The two most recent pay stubs for all employed parents/guardians residing with the child
- Unemployment income statements (if applicable)
- Assistance documents, such as social security, veteran’s benefits, workman’s compensation, etc.
- Child support and/or alimony records

You may submit a maximum of two references that would support your request for a scholarship (e.g. from a doctor, principal, or other appropriate professional).

Return completed applications to:

Ciara McCormack, Registrar
Sweet Pea Cottage Preschool of the Arts
2011 1st Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109
206-217-9767

Scholarships are awarded on a short-term basis or for the full school year. Final decisions are at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship applications are confidential, and will be kept on file for one year.

Notice of nondiscriminatory policy regarding student admissions:
Sweet Pea Cottage does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship programs, or other school-administered programs.