



Philadelphia Yearly Meeting *of the Religious Society of Friends*

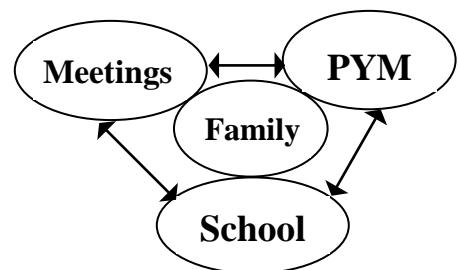
TUITION AID FOR FRIENDS CHILDREN IN PYM FRIENDS SCHOOLS 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

- 1) **FUND PURPOSE:** This fund increases the ability of PYM members to afford to send their children to Friends schools within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.
- 2) **ELIGIBILITY:** Grants from this fund are available to children of PYM members in grades K-12 at PYM Friends schools where families meet PYM financial need standard as determined by the school.
- 3) **APPLICATION PROCESS:** The application process begins when the family submits an Application Form (attached) to the Monthly Meeting. The overall sequence and timing of this process are set forth in the “Application Timeline” (attached). After school approval, completed applications received by PYM by April 1 are considered approved, unless subsequent information changes the status of the application. Those received after April 1 are approved on a case-by-case basis, as availability of funds permits.
- 4) **AWARD DETERMINATION:** There is a flat-rate, per-student grant amount each year, which depends upon income availability and the projected number of applicants. **The Committee on Friends Education has determined that the basic per-student grant for 2010-11 will be at least \$700, and at least \$1100 at the Friends schools which specialize in learning differences.**
- 5) **AWARD DISTRIBUTION:** Awards from the Fund take the form of grants, paid during the first week of October. Checks are sent to the schools, in a lump sum for all participating students at each school.
- 6) **FUND INFORMATION:** Income sources for this Fund include: Friends Education Fund; Jonathan E. Rhoads Endowment Fund; Shaw-North Fund; Samuel Jeanes Fund; Partenheimer Fund; Anna Gray Morris Trust; DeCou Trust; and the Legacy Granting Group of PYM. Applications are administered by PYM Education staff, in consultation with the Committee on Friends Education, Meetings, families and schools.

WORKING ASSUMPTIONS AND AFFIRMATIONS FOR QUAKER FAMILIES, MEETINGS & SCHOOLS:

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES:

- 1) Ensuring access to Friends education requires a partnership of mutual trust by families, schools, Monthly Meetings and Yearly Meeting. These partners must have a shared commitment and close communication. Families, schools and Meetings commit significant budget portions to this effort; PYM is working toward increasing available funds for this effort and encourages Meetings to do likewise.
- 2) PYM affirms that Friends schools value the presence and active participation of their Quaker families, and that Quaker families likewise value the institutional missions and commitments



of their schools. Quaker families strengthen both our Meeting communities and our school communities.

- 3) PYM affirms the authority of each Friends school, for its own Tuition Aid distribution, to use its own methodology (including the “Princeton Form” of the School and Family Scholarship Service, “SSS”) to ascertain and quantify “financial need” for its families. Schools will also then determine a families’ eligibility for PYM aid.

INFORMATION FOR MEETINGS:

- 1) Monthly Meetings are encouraged to match or exceed the grant level announced by the Yearly Meeting.
- 2) Quarterly Meetings – The PYM Education office will communicate and coordinate with each Quarterly Meeting after compiling the information received from the Monthly Meetings (via the schools). It is expected that the decision-making processes of each Quarterly Meeting will be coordinated with the various Monthly Meetings that comprise that Quarter.
- 3) PYM requires that Meetings give assurance that families requesting PYM funds meet the [criteria](#) of the Jonathan E. Rhoads Endowment Fund for Friends Children in Friends Schools.
- 4) The PYM Education office will be happy to consult with any Meetings that have concerns or questions about their families’ participation in this program, or about these policy guidelines.

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS:

- 1) New Students – Those families who are awaiting an admissions decision are expected to submit a PYM Application Form as part of their application for tuition aid to the school. Schools should notify PYM of any student whose status is still pending as of April 1st.
- 2) Fund Restrictions – These funds are [donor-restricted](#). PYM grants are intended to give Quaker families enhanced affordability at Friends schools. In practice, this means that schools that accept these tuition funds agree that the amounts shall be in addition to, and not in place of, other tuition aid credits for Quaker children.
- 3) Compliance with these Guidelines – PYM anticipates that there may be questions or concerns about these guidelines, particularly as they may relate to the school’s overall tuition aid process. The PYM Education office will welcome inquiries from schools, and will be happy to provide examples of practice that satisfy the fund restrictions in a variety of contexts. We look forward to working collaboratively with schools to ensure that Quaker families get the full benefit of these resources.
- 4) Schools will, using a formula that gives an advantage to Quaker families, determine whether a family is eligible (based on financial need) for PYM tuition aid. All applications for PYM aid, including the school’s determination about eligibility, will be sent to PYM by the school.