



Application for Enrollment 2021-2022 School Year

Families Together Cooperative Nursery School (FTCNS) is a non-sectarian school that admits, welcomes, and nurtures children and families with different abilities, family structures, socio-economic levels, and cultural, ethnic, linguistic, gender, religious, racial, and other social identities. We endeavor to balance the following priorities in our approach to admissions:

- Giving students an equal chance to attend FTCNS and avoiding admissions processes that individually evaluate students or their families or give priority admissions to certain students in a non-transparent way.
- Constructing and maintaining a diverse school community that celebrates and reflects the differences in students' and families' social identities and reflects the demographics of our surrounding community.

FTCNS offers priority enrollment to returning students and siblings. In order to keep the admissions process impartial and open to all families, FTCNS admits new students through a blind lottery. The blind lottery is conducted after returning student/sibling enrollment is completed. Once lottery numbers have been assigned, we make every effort to give families their first choice of class/classes in lottery order, while attempting to balance for diverse classes.

	Application Fee <small>(must accompany application)</small>	Application Due	If admitted, Contract + \$500.00 Deposit Due
New Family	\$50.00	Monday, March 1, 2021	Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Returning Family	Waived	Monday, February 1, 2021	Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Child's First Name: _____ **Child's Last Name:** _____

Nickname/Preferred Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Language(s) spoken by/to your child: _____

How does your family/your child define your child's gender identity? _____

How do you define your child/family's ethnic and/or racial identity? _____

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Home Address: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Email: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 E-mail: _____

Core Class Preferences:

FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE
Please put a check next to your first choice class.	Please put a check next to your second choice class.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Day AM Junipers: <i>ages 2 ½ to 4</i> Th/F, 9 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 Day AM Junipers: <i>ages 2 ½ to 4</i> M/Tu/W, 9 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5 Day AM Junipers: <i>ages 2 ½ to 4</i> M/Tu/W/Th/F, 9 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Day AM Willows: <i>ages 3 to 4 ½</i> M/Tu/W/Th, 8:30 - 11 a.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 Day PM Maples: <i>ages 3 ½ to 5</i> M/Tu/W, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Day PM Oaks: <i>ages 3 ½ to 5</i> M/Tu/W/Th, 1 - 4 p.m.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Day AM Junipers: <i>ages 2 ½ to 4</i> Th/F, 9 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 Day AM Junipers: <i>ages 2 ½ to 4</i> M/Tu/W, 9 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5 Day AM Junipers: <i>ages 2 ½ to 4</i> M/Tu/W/Th/F, 9 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Day AM Willows: <i>ages 3 to 4 ½</i> M/Tu/W/Th, 8:30 - 11 a.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 Day PM Maples: <i>ages 3 ½ to 5</i> M/Tu/W, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Day PM Oaks: <i>ages 3 ½ to 5</i> M/Tu/W/Th, 1 - 4 p.m.</p>

Auxiliary Program Preferences:

FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE
Please put a check next to your first choice program(s).	Please put a check next to your second choice program(s).
<p>Lunch Bunch: <i>ages 3 to 5</i> M/Tu/W/Th, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ___ M ___ Tu ___ W ___ Th</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dandelions: <i>ages 3 ½ to 6</i> F, 9 to 11:30 a.m. for fall & spring and F, 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. for winter</p>	<p>Lunch Bunch: <i>ages 3 to 5</i> M/Tu/W/Th, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ___ M ___ Tu ___ W ___ Th</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dandelions: <i>ages 3 ½ to 6</i> F, 9 to 11:30 a.m. for fall & spring and F, 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. for winter</p>

Does your child have any special developmental needs?

These would be any physical, speech/communication, sensory processing, or behavioral challenges that we should take into account in our class placement process. Please note that information shared in this section will not affect your child’s chance of admission to FTCNS but will better allow us to support each child’s learning and development.

Did you complete the required Virtual Admissions Coffee? Did you attend the Admissions Q & A Session via Zoom? Did you attend an in-person tour?

- I completed the Virtual Admissions Coffee. Please specify date: _____
(required for admission)
- I attended the Admissions Q & A Session via Zoom. Please specify date: _____
- I attended an in-person tour. Please specify date: _____

How did you hear about Families Together Cooperative Nursery School?

Please be as specific as possible.

- Friend
- Sign out front
- WBEZ sponsorship
- Other, please specify: _____
- NPN Directory
- Online (Google, Yelp!, etc.)
- Poster/postcard/brochure
- Together Playgroup at Immanuel Church
- Community Event: _____
- Facebook/Instagram

Tuition/Financial Aid/Deposit:

Families Together Cooperative Nursery School (FTCNS) is committed to offering a high-quality early childhood program while paying a competitive living wage to our staff and being financially accessible to families of different means. Annual tuition is based upon a sliding scale relative to a family’s income level and can be paid on an annual, semi-annual or monthly basis. When/if our sliding scale is not affordable for a family, we may also offer additional financial aid.

Financial aid recipients often already qualify for some of our lowest tuition levels. Aid is also sometimes granted to families at higher tuition levels who are facing financial crisis or whose current financial circumstances are very different from that which is reflected on their tax return.

FTCNS strives to be a diverse, integrated, and equitable preschool that brings families from different backgrounds together and makes our programs accessible to a wide range of students. Our work towards this goal may be a factor used in determining financial aid awards as we aim to have our school reflect the diverse demographics of our larger community and lift barriers for students from groups that have been typically under-represented in private schools.

Other factors considered in determining aid awards include: the number of class and auxiliary program days a child is attending; the number of people in a child’s family; the family’s overall assets and debt; any extenuating financial circumstances or crisis; whether a family’s current financial circumstances are significantly different than what is reflected on their tax return; and the number and nature of requests we get in a given year.

Once a class placement has been offered for your child, a non-refundable tuition deposit of \$500.00 will be due to guarantee placement in the classroom.

A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 must accompany this application (new families only). Application fees may be waived on a case-by-case basis due to financial hardship.

If my child is accepted to FTCNS, I understand that:

- *At least one adult from my child's family is required to assist in my child's classroom on a regularly scheduled basis. This adult cannot bring children other than the enrolled student when they assist. This is dependent on DCFS Covid-19 regulations.*
- *One adult from my child's family is required to serve on a school committee, the Board of Directors, or participate in a committee buy-out.*
- *All families are expected to work within their means to help sustain the co-op by participating in all-school meetings and activities, donating requested supplies and resources, participating in fundraising initiatives, and recruiting new families.*
- *If developmentally appropriate, it is expected that parents/guardians of enrolled students work with their child towards the goal of toilet training before the start of school. The FTCNS diaper changing facilities are limited and the classes are designed to give children lots of opportunities to use the bathroom. However, if a child is not developmentally ready, FTCNS is able to accommodate children in parent-provided diapers/pull-ups in each class.*
- *In order to protect the health of all families, FTCNS strongly encourages all families to fully vaccinate their children. My child will need to be up-to-date with all immunizations in accordance with the immunization schedule from the Illinois Department of Public Health unless I provide a doctor's note of exemption or a letter requesting religious exemption from immunizations.*
- *The \$50.00 application fee and \$500.00 deposit are non-refundable. No exceptions.*

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

School use only:

Date application received: _____ Check #/CASH: _____

Date enrolled: _____ First day attended: _____ Date disenrolled: _____