

**Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Diversity/Equity Scholarship to
Little Hands Big Hearts (LHBH) Christian Preschool
Information**

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (LCR) in Woburn that has money available to provide tuition assistance for a family interested in sending a three- or four-year-old child to the Little Hands Big Hearts (LHBH) Preschool. The focus of this scholarship is to help ensure the diversity at LHBH reflects the diversity of our Woburn community and to foster inclusion. The family must live in Woburn and be able to provide transportation to and from the preschool. The child selected for the scholarship will have a place reserved for January 2022. Applications are available on the LCR website at <https://www.redeemerwoburn.org>. Applications must be completed and received by LCR no later than September 30 2021.

LHBH Preschool

LHBH is a Christian Preschool that offers structure and creativity through play and teacher-guided activities. LHBH Preschool's goal is to have each child feel a sense of accomplishment in self-help tasks and to be comfortable in group situations, while looking forward to the kindergarten experience ahead. LHBH is located minutes from Rt. 128 and I-93 in Woburn and housed in the Education Wing of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 60 Forest Park Road, Woburn, MA 01801. LHBH is in session following the school year calendar of the Woburn public schools. <https://www.lhbhpreschool.org/>

Criteria for Awarding the Scholarship

- Preference to recipients who would help the LHBH ethnic/racial diversity to get closer to the diversity in the Woburn Public Schools and where the scholarship would allow family members to improve the economic circumstances of the family
- Family lives in the town of Woburn and can provide transportation to and from LHBH
- Recommendation letter

Scholarship Available for Child to Start January 2022

- The scholarship recipient will receive both tuition assistance and be admitted into the LHBH Preschool starting in its January 2022 term
- Starting January 2022, there is funding and a place set aside at LHBH for one 3 or 4 year old for Session 3 (7am to 3pm Monday through Friday)
- LCR can currently commit to funding this scholarship through December 2022 for the recipient. LCR intends to raise additional funds for the scholarship and the priority is to continue to fund the scholarship recipient through to kindergarten before funding additional recipients
- LHBH Session 3 tuition for 3 or 4 years olds is currently \$12,180 per year. The scholarship will support 2/3 of that amount, with the family responsible for the remaining tuition (\$4,056 through December 2022)

Application Process

- By September 30, 2021: Complete application by paper copy (PDF can be printed out and filled in) or Word application filled in electronically, along with letter of recommendation
- Either email application to office@redeemerwoburn.org or mail to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 60 Forest Park Road, Woburn MA 01801 (Diversity/Equity Scholarship in subject line)
- Scholarship Committee will review applications and final applicants will be invited to visit the LHBH Preschool with the Director to answer questions and assure a good fit of family with LHBH

**Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Application for Diversity/Equity Scholarship to
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Child's Name _____ Child's Date of Birth _____

Child's Primary Language _____ Secondary Language _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Family Address _____

Phone No. _____ Email Address _____

Number of days you would like your child enrolled _____

Why would you like your child to have this preschool experience?

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer has established this scholarship to foster diversity and equity at its LHBH preschool. Preference for awarding the scholarship where the child would increase the ethnic/racial diversity at the preschool in underrepresented areas, and where the awarding of the scholarship would improve the economic circumstances of the family. What information can you provide to help the selection committee evaluate your application in these areas?

Please attach a letter of recommendation (not from a family member) supporting your application.

Name of Recommender _____

Phone number of Recommender _____

Financial Resources of the Family

Family Monthly Gross Income _____ **Number of People in Family** _____

Statement of Annual Income

PARENT/
GUARDIAN _____

PARENT/
GUARDIAN _____

Earnings Job #1 _____

Earnings Job #1 _____

Employer _____

Employer _____

Employer Contact _____

Employer Contact _____

Employer Phone _____

Employer Phone _____

Earnings Job #2 _____

Earnings Job #2 _____

Employer _____

Employer _____

Employer Contact _____

Employer Contact _____

Employer Phone _____

Employer Phone _____

Earnings Job #3 _____

Earnings Job #3 _____

Employer _____

Employer _____

Employer Contact _____

Employer Contact _____

Employer Phone _____

Employer Phone _____

Family's Monthly Expenses:

Rent/Mortgage Payment _____

Insurance _____

Food _____

Medical _____

Electricity _____

Gas _____

Clothing _____

Car Payment _____

Telephone _____

Other Payments _____

Total Monthly Expenses _____

Assistance program in which your family participates (put a check next to all that apply):

Program	Applies to our family
Housing Assistance	
Energy Assistance	
Food Assistance	
WIC	
Child Care Assistance	
Child Support	
Disability	
Social Security	
Unemployment	

Are there any circumstances in the family which affect your financial situation?

This scholarship provides 2/3 the tuition cost for a 3 or 4 year old child enrolled at LHBH Preschool. Your family would be responsible for paying the remaining 1/3 of the tuition cost, which is currently \$4,056 for the calendar year 2022. If awarded this scholarship, would your family be able to contribute 1/3 of the tuition cost so your child could attend?

This space is provided for you to provide any additional information you feel would be helpful to the committee

- I/we understand that a voluntary declaration of income and number of persons in my/our family is necessary to make sure funds are directed to families least able to secure services from other sources. I/we understand that I/we may be required to verify my/our family's income. Failure to provide correct verification may result in our application being denied or services being cancelled.
- I/we understand that any amount of tuition scholarship will be paid directly to LHBH preschool. LHBH preschool will track my/our child's attendance to remain eligible for the tuition assistance. It is expected that my/our child's attendance will be at least 90%. If attendance does not meet 90% and my/our child's absences are unexcused (examples of excused absences include child illness, family crisis), then the preschool director will speak with me/us about it. Ongoing attendance problems may result in the loss of the LCR Diversity/Inclusion Scholarship assistance.
- I understand that I/we will need to provide transportation for my child to and from LHBH preschool.
- I verify that all information provided on this application is true.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINT NAME DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINT NAME DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

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Your signature is a release to verify the above information