

**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 enrolling a child born between Sept. 1, 2018 and April 30, 2020 in 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 community and to foster inclusion. Preference will be given to a family that lives in Woburn, but others may apply. The family must be able to provide transportation to and from the preschool. The child selected for the scholarship will have a place reserved for the term that starts Sept 2022. Applications are available on the LCR website at <https://www.redeemerwoburn.org>. Applications must be completed and received by LCR no later than June 1, 2022.

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 their economic circumstances
- Family can provide transportation to and from LHBH
- Prefer a family that lives in the town of Woburn
- Recommendation letter

Scholarship Available for Child to start in the September 2022 term

- The scholarship recipient will receive both tuition assistance and be admitted into the LHBH preschool starting in its September 2022 term
- Child born between Sept. 1, 2018 and April 30, 2020 (7am to 3pm Monday through Friday)
- LCR commits to funding this scholarship through June 2023 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 tuition depends on the age of the child. The annual tuition is \$12,840. The scholarship will support 2/3 of that amount, with the family responsible for the remaining tuition (\$4,237).

Application Process

- By June 1, 2022: 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 (Diversity/Equity Scholarship in subject line) or mail to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 60 Forest Park Road, Woburn MA 01801
- 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
Little Hands Big Hearts (LHBH) Christian Preschool**

Type your responses in the boxes below:

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| Child's Name | |
| Child's Date of Birth | |
| Child's Primary Language | |
| Child's Secondary Language | |
| Parent/Guardian Name(s) | |
| Family Address | |
| Phone No. | |
| Email Address | |
| # 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.

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| Name of Recommender | |
| Phone # of Recommender | |

Financial Resources of the Family

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| Family Monthly Gross Income | | Number of People in Family | |
| Statement of Annual Income | | | |
| PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME | | PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME | |
| 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 | |
| Other Payments | | Other Payment | |
| Total Monthly Expenses | | | |
| Assistance program in which your family participates (put a check next to all that apply): | | | |
| Program | Applies to our family | Program | Applies to our family |
| Housing Assistance | | Child Support | |
| Energy Assistance | | Disability | |
| Food Assistance | | Social Security | |
| WIC | | Unemployment | |
| Child Care Assistance | | | |

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

This scholarship provides 2/3 the tuition cost for a child enrolled at LHBH Preschool. Your family would be responsible for paying the remaining 1/3 of the tuition cost, which is \$4,237 for the year. 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.

By typing your name and date below, you agree to the above statements.

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| PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINT NAME & DATE | |
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If you are completing the application electronically and cannot therefore provide hard copy signature, the Committee will ask you to provide a hard copy signature in its final review process for the scholarship.

If you are completing the application in writing, please provide your signature as a release to verify the above information:

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| PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE & DATE | |
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