



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Shining Mountain Waldorf School and your desire to learn about Waldorf education. The information below will help you with the application process.

Please submit the following when applying for First Grade:

- Application for Enrollment for Grades Kindergarten - Grade 8
- First Grade Questionnaire
- Childcare Provider/Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire
This may be faxed or mailed to Shining Mountain by the current teacher.
- \$50 non-refundable application fee
- Current test results (if applicable)

Once all of these materials are received, you will be contacted. Your child will then be invited to participate in a morning playgroup. A time will also be scheduled for you to meet the first grade teacher. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for both the family and teacher to become better acquainted. This also helps to assure Shining Mountain is a good fit for you and your child.

In addition, we ask that you attend one of our monthly tours which are offered October through May. Dates can be found on our website at www.smwaldorf.org or by calling the Admissions office at **303-951-8579**. The tour will provide an opportunity to learn more about our well-rounded, age-appropriate curriculum, age 3 through grade 12.

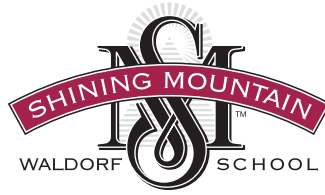
You are welcome to attend any of our many public events during the year. A card listing these public events can be obtained by calling **303-444-7697**, or by going to the Admissions/Public Events page of our website: <http://www.smwaldorf.org/admissions/PublicEvents-Current.pdf>.

In an effort to aid families in need of financial support, SMWS offers tuition assistance. You may obtain an application by calling the Lower School office at **303-444-7697**. Information regarding financial aid is available on our website at www.smwaldorf.org under Admissions. Once your student has been accepted, your application for financial aid will be reviewed by our Tuition Partnership Committee.

If you have any questions or desire more material on Waldorf education, please call me at **303-951-8579**. I look forward to talking with you about this important decision regarding your child.

Sincerely,

Nita Davanzo
Director of Admissions
Shining Mountain Waldorf School
999 Violet Avenue
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To our prospective parents,

As you continue with the admissions process, we hope that you will become more informed about the educational values and environment that are found at Shining Mountain. The Waldorf experience is unique in many ways, and it can bring something special to both your life and the life of your child.

Waldorf schools educate out of the insight that the cultivation of the imagination—through arts such as storytelling, puppetry, singing, instrumental music, drama, painting, drawing, and eurythmy—is essential for the unfolding of clear thinking and sound judgment later in adolescence and adulthood. It also stresses the importance of imaginative play, rhythm in daily life, and the quality of the physical environment on a young child's development.

You might notice that some of our practices and principles run counter to mainstream life. This is especially true in the area of media activities, such as TV, video/computer games, movies, DVDs, radio and electronic musical instruments. We ask you to learn about why, and to work with the teachers to eliminate media in the kindergarten and early grade school years. If questions arise for you or you have reservations, please bring them to your interview or to the Admissions Office.

What follows are some of the ideals, values and practices that we ask you to consider:

- **Support the recommendation to protect children from exposure to media.** Recent brain research shows that brain development is adversely affected by TV and media exposure up to age 11. Media experiences sap a child's strength and creative energy, interfere with healthy social development, and weaken potential academic performance.
- **Create a rhythmical home life for your child,** including regular sleeping hours and mealtimes and a balanced diet. These support the learning process and the work of the kindergarten and grades teachers.
- **Attend parent evenings, parent education lectures, and school activities** held throughout the year. These are central to your child's success in school and provide a significant window into your child's education and the classroom community in which this takes place.

Shining Mountain Waldorf School is a kindergarten through twelfth grade program. By upholding the above ideals, from mother to father, family to family, and home to school, we believe we can achieve our long-term goal—to bring forth the unique possibilities of each child.

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Application for Enrollment — Grades 1-8

Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Gender _____

mo/day/year

Applying for Grade _____ Start Date _____

mo/day/year

Parent #1: Name _____

Address _____

PLEASE CIRCLE THE BEST PHONE NUMBER TO CALL . . .

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Employer _____

Occupation/special interests _____

Parent #2: Name _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Employer _____

Occupation/special interests _____

If the child does not live with both parents, please describe the child's living situation: _____

Please list the names and birth dates of other children in the family. Note those who are currently attending SMWS or who are applying.

Will you be applying for Tuition Assistance? Yes No

Who will hold financial responsibility? _____

What school is your child currently attending? _____

Has your child ever attended a Waldorf school? If so, which one and for how long? _____

Have you consulted any professionals to address medical, emotional, learning or behavioral challenges regarding your child?
 Yes No **If yes, please submit written reports of their observations, testing, or findings with this application.**
(If your child transfers to another school, this written information will be kept confidential and will not be released without your written permission.)

Please list prescription medications your child is currently taking. _____

Please give information about your child that will be helpful to the teachers. For example: special interests or abilities, physical characteristics, strengths and weaknesses. _____

What role do TV, videos, DVDs, movies, and computer games play in your household? Frequency of watching (number of times a week). _____

What is your familiarity with Waldorf education? (For example, books read, lectures attended, friends.)

What are you hoping to find in this education for your child? _____

Does your child speak a language other than English? _____ If so, what language? _____

Does your child play a musical instrument? _____ If so, what instrument? _____

Parent(s) Signature(s) _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

- **Please submit the \$50 non-refundable application fee, transcripts or reports, and requested documents with the application.**
- **Please make plans to attend one of our monthly tours which are held October through May.**

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY: Shining Mountain Waldorf School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or national origin in its admission policy or conduct of its educational programs.

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First Grade Questionnaire

Child's name: _____

Birth Date: _____

mo/day/year

Medical

1. Which childhood diseases has your child had?
2. Did you breast-feed your child? For how long?
3. Does your child have any allergies? Please specify.
4. Has your child in the past or is s/he presently seeing someone for therapeutic treatment or remedial support? (i.e., sensory integration, sand tray therapy, emotional/behavior issues, etc.) Please specify with whom, including dates.
5. Is there anything in your child's medical history it would be useful for me to know? Please specify.
6. How would you describe your child's general energy level?

Home-Life

1. What is your marital status?
2. If separated from your child's mother/father, how long have you lived apart? How frequent is your child's contact with the other parent?
3. Are there siblings at home? What are their names and ages?

4. How would you tend to characterize your home-life:
rhythmical spontaneous chaotic combination other (specify)
What predominates?
5. Do you eat any meals together with your child? Which ones?
6. Does your child have a regular bedtime during the school year?
What is the time range of going to bed?
Earliest: Latest:
7. Do you have a going-to-bed ritual with your child? If so, please describe it.
8. How well does your child sleep?
How easy or difficult is it for your child to wake up in the morning?
9. How much television/radio/video/computer games per day does your child watch/play/listen to? Please specify.
Weekdays: Weekends:
10. How is your child's diet?

Favorite foods?

Foods h/she avoids?
11. What does your child love to do? (Interests, types of play, special activities)
12. Does your child have any chores, and what are they?

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Please return form directly to Ellyn Hilliard at Shining Mountain Waldorf School.

Childcare Provider/Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire

Child's Name _____

Age _____

Present Teacher's Name _____

Position _____

Program Name _____

Size of Group _____

Date Child Began With You _____

1. Please describe child's disposition. Does it change during the day? Week?
2. How does the child play?
3. How does he/she respond to other children?
4. How does he/she respond to teachers?
5. Please give a brief description of a sample morning or afternoon with this child.
6. What is the biggest challenge you have had in working with this child? The most wonderful aspect?
7. Has the child shown any progress? Please describe.
8. Please describe your relationship to the parent, their involvement with your program, and their responsiveness to both their child and your concerns.
9. Feel free to add any other information you think would be helpful on the back of this paper. Thank you.