

Friends Council on Education



National Friends Education Fund

Supporting Quaker children in Quaker schools

The National Friends Education Fund (NFEF) is a tuition aid fund uniting two existing funds into one initiative to support Quaker children in Friends schools.

FEF Friends Education Fund

+ NEQC National Endowment
for Quaker Children

NFEF

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2025-2026 Application
Guidelines & Procedures



GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

The National Friends Education Fund (NFEF), administered by Friends Council on Education, provides tuition aid to support Quaker children in Friends schools across the country. The fund aims to increase the ability of Quaker families to afford to send their children to Friends schools.

Friends schools value the presence and active participation of their Quaker families; and Quaker families, likewise, value the institutional missions and commitments of Friends schools. For this reason, Friends Council on Education joins the efforts of families, schools, and Monthly Meetings to provide tuition assistance for Quaker families who demonstrate need.

For Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Friends (PYM) in PYM Friends Schools

Eligibility: Grants are available to children of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) members in grades K- 12 at PYM Friends schools where families meet financial need standards as determined by the school, based on criteria adjusted by FEF/PYM standards; and at least one parent of a prospective student has been a member of a Monthly Meeting for a full year prior to the supported year. Formerly named "Friends Education Fund."

For Friends beyond the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Area

Eligibility: For Friends schools *beyond* the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Area, grants are available to children, grades K-12, of members of Monthly Meetings beyond the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting area and who are **new** to the school or have previously received a NEQC Pilot Program award. Families must meet financial need standards as determined by the school and at least one parent of a prospective student has been a member of a Monthly Meeting for a full year prior to the supported year.

Application Process

The family submits an Application Form to the Monthly Meeting for signature of the clerk. The family then ensures that the signed application goes to the school right away. Deadlines for each step of the application process are listed on the application form.





Award Determination

- Each year, the grant amount per-student depends on the amount of funds available and the number of applicants.
- Grant amounts tend to be approximately \$1300 per student
(Note: for PYM approximately \$1,600 per student enrolled in a Friends school for children with learning differences).

Award Distribution

Awards take the form of grants to the schools.

Checks are sent to the schools in the fall in a lump sum for all participating students at each school.

Funding Sources

The income sources for NFEF include: 1) annual contributions to Friends Council on Education designated to tuition aid for Friends families in Friends Schools; 2) Friends Education Fund endowment, including contributions from the Jonathan E. Rhoads Trust; 3) the National Friends Education Fund; and 4) funds provided by PYM through Jonathan E. Rhoads Endowment Fund, the Samuel Jeanes Fund, the Anna Gray Morris Trust, and the DeCou Trust. Friends Council respects and implements any gift restrictions as indicated or requested.

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible?

Members of all Yearly or Monthly Meetings qualify if:

1. At least one parent or legal guardian of the student has been a member of the Religious Society of Friends for at least one year prior to the start of the supported school year.
2. After applying to the Friends school, the school determines that the family meets need-based criteria as adjusted by FEF/PYM standards.
3. For schools/Meetings *beyond* the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting area, the student must be new to the Friends Council member school or have previously received a NEQC award.

How do I apply?

Application forms are available at www.friendscouncil.org/NFEF.

Where can I learn more about other sources of tuition aid for Friends schools?

1. The Admissions office of the Friends school to which your child is applying may be able to direct you to other sources for financial assistance.
2. The Clerk or Treasurer of your Monthly Meeting; some Meetings provide their own tuition assistance.





2025-2026 Application Form for Tuition Aid for Quaker Children

To be delivered by the PARENT/GUARDIAN to the Meeting for signature and then to the School.

Please review the **GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES** and **FAQs** before filling out this form. If you still have questions, contact your school's financial aid office. The school will not be able to finalize its financial aid package without this form.

There are three sections to this form. It is the responsibility of PARENT/GUARDIAN of Quaker children attending Friends schools to complete **STEP #1** as well as secure the Meeting's affirmation on **STEP #2**. The PARENT/GUARDIAN must deliver this form to the school by the financial aid deadline set by the school. The school officer will submit the application to Friends Council on Education.

4 STEPS

STEP #1 - To be completed by the Parent or Guardian of the Applicant

STEP #2 - To be completed by the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting *(by February 15)*

STEP #3 - To be completed by the Friends School
(by the financial aid deadline set by the school)

STEP #4 - The school financial aid officer submits this information online through the Friends Council website. *(by JUNE 15)*

Questions can be submitted to NFEF@friendscouncil.org.





2025-2026 Application Form for Tuition Aid for Quaker Children

**RESPONSE REQUIRED FOR ALL FIELDS*

STEP #1 - To be completed by the Family (Parent or Guardian of the Applicant)

I, am a member of
Name Parent/Guardian *Monthly Meeting*

part of .
Yearly Meeting

has been accepted and intends to enroll in grade
Name of Student (please print) *Grade*

at in for the 2025-26 academic year.
Name of School *State*

Will 2025-2026 be the student's first year enrolled at the school? yes no

Parent/Guardian Address *City* *State* *Zip*

Mobile Phone *Home Phone* *E-mail Address*

I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of this student and that I have been a member of the Religious Society of Friends for at least one year prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year. I have examined my family's financial situation and determined financial support from NFEF will make an important difference in our ability to afford to send our child to the Friends school.

Parent/legal Guardian Signature
Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN - Please submit this form to the clerk of your Monthly Meeting Clerk



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***RESPONSE REQUIRED FOR ALL FIELDS**

STEP #2 - To be completed by the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting

As clerk of Monthly Meeting,
Name of Meeting (please print)

I affirm that at least one parent or legal guardian of the applicant has been a member of this Friends Meeting for at least one year prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Name of Clerk (please print) *Signature of Clerk* *Date*

Active Home or Cell # *E-mail Address* *Grant Amount*

CLERK - This form should be returned to the parent/guardian. *(by February 15)*

PARENT/GUARDIAN - Please return this completed and signed form to the school's financial aid office. *(by the financial aid deadline set by the school)*

If Monthly Meeting grant amount is unknown at time of application, write TBD.

***RESPONSE REQUIRED FOR ALL FIELDS**

STEP #3 - To be completed by the Friends School

The affirms to Friends Council on Education that:
School

Please check to affirm:

- Steps #1 and #2 are filled out in completion by the Family (Parent or Guardian of the Applicant) and the Clerk of the Meeting respectively.
- The student named above is expected to enroll at our school for the 2025-2026 school year.
- The student meets the financial need standards at the school, based on criteria adjusted by FEF/PYM standards.
- This grant shall be in addition to, and not in place of, other tuition aid credits for Quaker children.

for schools BEYOND the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting area

This student is (pick one):

- a new student in 2025-2026
- received NFEF (formerly NEQC) tuition aid their first year enrolled

Financial Aid Offer (please print) *Signature* *Date*

Title

STEP #4 - The school financial aid officer submits this information online through the Friends Council website. *(by JUNE 15)*

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