

Mountain Laurel Montessori School

Annual Giving Campaign FAQ's

Q: Does Mountain Laurel really need my gift? What about tuition paid by families?

A: While tuition funds contribute to the school's annual operating budget, its success depends heavily on the support of our alumni and friends. Even with tuition, we still need your gift to provide this quality education to those who seek it. There is an approximate 20% gap in the amount of tuition paid and the annual operating costs of the school.

Q: Who gives to the MLMS Annual Giving Campaign?

A: In addition to current families, MLMS faculty, staff and board members give back to the school with their own Annual Fund gifts. Mountain Laurel also receives donations from alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents, and many other friends of the school. Through this united community effort, we are able to provide a Montessori educational experience for our children otherwise unavailable in our area.

Q: When will my support be needed by the Annual Giving Campaign?

A: The Annual Giving Campaign runs from year to year beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th. You have the opportunity to give anytime by mailing a check or by giving online. We send a direct mail appeal each year to alumni, current families and friends of Mountain Laurel.

Q: I can't afford a big gift. Is there any point in me giving?

A: Large gifts are absolutely essential to the school's success. But, so are modest ones. When our gifts are combined, they make a significant impact on MLMS's future. Also, when Mountain Laurel seeks funding in the form of grants, it is imperative that we have a large percentage of participating families. Outside organizations view this as our school being valued by its extended community.

Q: How does my annual gift help the different programs at MLMS?

A: The Annual Giving Campaign at MLMS supports all programs. Your gift to the fund goes where it is most needed, unless you note the specific area you would like to support. Most funds contributed support financial aid assistance, staff development and maintenance of our beautiful environments. Through your Annual Fund gift, our talented teachers can offer the best programs to our children.

Q: I'm a former student or parent. Why is my gift participation so important?

A: Annual gifts—no matter the size—add up and are an important income stream that ensures the school's fiscal health and continued excellence. Your participation also plays a major role in encouraging large donors, corporations and foundations to support the school. When participation rates are strong, foundations and corporations are more likely to award grants and funding to MLMS. Each individual's contribution also inspires giving from other Mountain Laurel families as we join together to support the school in whose mission we believe and whose community we cherish.

Q: Is my Annual Gift tax deductible?

A: All monetary contributions are tax deductible as Mountain Laurel Montessori School is a 501 (c) 3 organization.

*If you have any further questions, or would like information on contributing to this year's Annual Giving Campaign, please contact MLMS's Advancement Coordinator, Misty Brown at (540) 636-4257.