Washington Street UMC Preschool

Learning to Live Loving

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2026-2027 Admission Process & Policies

Application Process

New Families
Enrollment applications may be submitted through **Monday, February 23, 2026** for consideration during our initial placement period. Priority will be given to early applicants and a lottery system will be used if necessary. Following this period, applications are welcome and children will be placed in a class if space is available.

A NON-REFUNDABLE $80 Application Fee must be submitted with ALL new student applications.

Current Washington Street Preschool Students & Siblings
Enrollment applications may be submitted through **January 15, 2026.**

There will be a $50 non-refundable re-enrollment fee for returning students. There will be a non-refundable $80 application fee for new siblings.

Order of Acceptance
Admission is offered on a space-available basis. Priority is given in the following order: current students and Washington Street Church members, siblings of current students and children of staff, siblings of alumni students and the community-at-large.

Acceptance Policy

During our initial placement period new families will receive a letter of acceptance or wait list via email on **Thursday, February 26, 2026.** Families will have until **Thursday, March 5, 2026** to notify Washington Street Preschool if they are accepting the offer of admission and to pay their deposits to hold their spot. After this initial placement period families will be placed as space is available and the Director will email families within two business days of application to offer acceptance or wait list.

Tuition Policy

Upon acceptance to Washington Street Preschool, the Advanced Payment for June 2027 Tuition is due. For new families, also due upon acceptance is a one-time, per family, Facility Maintenance Fee of $150.00. During the initial placement period enrollment decisions along with payment is required by **Thursday, March 5, 2026.** In the event that the student is withdrawn by April 30, 2026, the June 2027 Advanced Tuition Payment will be refunded. However, the Facility Maintenance Fee is non-refundable. Requests for refunds of the June 2027 Advanced Tuition will not be issued after April 30, 2026, with the exception of documented U.S. Armed Forces Orders, or a physician's documentation of poor health.

Class Placement

Applicants must meet the minimum age requirements for the class for which they are applying. All children 3 years of age and older must be confidently toilet trained in order to attend. Placement in each class is done in collaboration with the Director, teaching staff, and parents of applicants as needed and based on the anticipated year which the child enters Kindergarten.

Bumblebees Class, **must be 2 years old by 9/30/26**
Bumblebees have the option of placement in our 2-day program (Tuesday/Thursday), our 3-day program (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) or our 5-day program (Monday-Friday).

Frogs Class, must be 3 years old by 9/30/26
Frogs have the option of placement in our 2-day program (Tuesday/Thursday), 3-day program (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) or our 5-day program (Monday-Friday).

Owls Class, must be 4 years old by 12/30/26
Owls are placed in our 5-day Owls program.

In compliance with Virginia Law, any person enrolling a child in our preschool program must provide proof of that child's identity and age upon acceptance. According to compliance with *Section 63.1-196.00*, proof of identity includes a certified copy of the child's birth certificate or his/her passport. Proof of identity must be presented to the preschool along with the return of completed Enrollment Documents.

Washington Street UMC Preschool welcomes applications of children who require financial assistance, please reach out for more information.

Additionally, WSUMCP is committed to meeting the needs of each enrolled child, ensuring they are in an environment that will best support their growth and learning. As such, WSUMCP welcomes applications from children with mild delays and/or disabilities. Mild delays and or/disabilities may include, among other things, students with a gross or fine motor delay or a speech delay. WSUMCP cannot accommodate children with intense support needs for behavior management or personal care. To discern whether WSUMCP might be an appropriate placement for your child with special needs, please schedule a meeting with the Director to discuss your specific situation when applying for enrollment. Enrollment of children with delays and/or disabilities will be considered on a case-by-case basis to assure proper placement.