

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION for the 2017-2018 academic year

Date turned in or postmarked: _____



A Parent-Teacher Run Cooperative for Pre-Schoolers in Harvard Square

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Garden Nursery School depends on the active support and cooperation of every family. Parents or guardians considering application should decide if they have the time and interest required for a cooperative nursery school. Please refer to the second page of this application for a complete understanding of your family's responsibilities in the classroom and as a member of the Garden Nursery School community.

This application is for the: 3's class (Tues/Thurs 9:00 – 1:00) _____ 4's class (M/W/F 9:00 – 1:00) _____

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____ Gender F / M
(Name as you would like your child to be called at school and listed on the roster)

Parent #1 Name _____ Occupation _____
(Name as you would like to be called by others and listed on the roster)

Parent #2 Name _____ Occupation _____
(Name as you would like to be called by others and listed on the roster)

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone* _____ Cell or Work Phone* _____
(Circle cell or work and specify whose phone it is)

** PLEASE DO NOT LIST EMERGENCY NUMBERS HERE, ONLY THOSE PHONE NUMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LISTED ON THE GNS ROSTER SO THAT OTHER FAMILIES CAN CONTACT YOU. EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS WILL BE LISTED ON EMERGENCY FORMS ONLY.*

Email #1 _____ Email #2 _____
(List only those email addresses to which you would like GNS news and correspondence sent if your child attends the school)

Siblings (names, birthdates and schools): _____

Child's previous group or school experience: _____

Does your child have a medical condition or allergy that we should know about? _____

How did you hear about Garden Nursery School? _____

_____ We are a GNS staff or alumnus family. Name(s) and dates attended: _____

Have you visited our school? Yes _____ No _____ Date of Tour or Open House: _____

Admissions Policy and Deadlines

Garden Nursery School does not discriminate in its employment, educational opportunities, programs, activities, or facilities on the basis of race, color, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious beliefs, national origin, ancestry, or genetics.

Garden Nursery School does not evaluate applicants because we believe that all children deserve a warm, nurturing preschool experience. Priority is given to current GNS families and alumni as well as the families of GNS staff. GNS is committed to maintaining a diverse student body.

* We begin accepting applications at our first open house, held **November 19, 2016**.

* Applications may be submitted by hand or by mail.

* **Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.**

* Families will be notified of enrollment decisions and wait list status as soon as possible after submitting their application, typically within one week.

* **Applications received the same day will be entered into a lottery for available spots.**

* To secure your child's spot, a signed contract, along with the deposit, is due within 14 days of admission. After 14 days your spot will be released.

Garden Nursery School is a Cooperative.

Garden Nursery School is founded on the belief that active parental involvement helps to establish community and, therefore, naturally eases the transition for our children as they make their way in their new school environment. Parental involvement in school shows your child you value this experience. In addition to these benefits, being involved in the GNS community is a lot of fun!

Parental participation is essential at Garden Nursery School. The following is a list of family responsibilities during the school year:

1. Parent-helping in the classroom 4-8 times per year.
2. Participation in a fundraising event.
3. Participation in at least 2 school clean-ups (usually held on Saturdays).
4. Attendance at 1 parent-helper training (one evening in the beginning of the academic year) and all General Meetings (2-3 per year, held on Wednesday evenings).
5. Fulfillment of a year-long cooperative job (one per family). Each family is encouraged to hold a Board position for at least one year during their time at GNS; Board members attend one Wednesday evening meeting per month.

Cooperative jobs require different amounts of time and attention. While we attempt to match families' skills and preferences with their cooperative jobs, this is not always possible. No matter what cooperative job a family is assigned they are expected to meet the job's demands.

Are you willing and able to meet all of the above cooperative obligations? Yes _____ No _____

By signing below I state that the above information is true and correct. I am familiar with the responsibilities involved in being a member of a cooperative community.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this application and a non-refundable \$45.00 application fee (check or money order made out to Garden Nursery School) to:

**Admissions Director
Garden Nursery School
P.O. Box 382310
Cambridge, MA 02138-2310**