



## Friendly House Preschool Sliding Scale Tuition 2019-20

Friendly House has been committed to bringing affordable, high-quality preschool to families from all walks of life since our preschool began in the 1940's. Our sliding scale is a critical piece in balancing a variety of factors, including:

- The cost of providing a high-quality preschool program
- Affordability for families of varying incomes
- Equitable compensation for teachers

Friendly House Preschool offers sliding scale tuition, according to your household's annual income and family size. Families will self-select the tuition level appropriate for their family when they register. We will request income verification documents, as needed. We ask for families to partner with us in ensuring that our sliding scale model is successful. Please:

- Be honest when selecting your family's tuition level.
- Inform us if your household's annual adjusted gross income goes up or down and be prepared to adopt the new tuition rate.
- Pay your tuition in full and on time each month. Fees are applied to your account by the 5<sup>th</sup> working day of the month and due by the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the month. We rely on timely tuition collection to fund our preschool program.

In addition to the affordability provided to families through our sliding scale tuition, we also have **scholarships and subsidies** for low-income families. Working families may qualify for state assistance with preschool tuition through the [Employment-Related Daycare](#) (ERDC) program. For qualifying families, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will pay part or all of your monthly fee and you will likely have a co-pay, determined by DHS. Contact the ERDC program to apply. We also have a limited scholarship fund at Friendly House for low-income families, funded by donors and grants. Families interested in applying for a scholarship through Friendly House can indicate that during the registration process and then they will receive our scholarship application via email.

### Determining your family's monthly tuition for the 2019-20 school year:

STEP 1: Locate your family size and adjusted gross income on the chart on the next page.

STEP 2: Note the corresponding tier.

STEP 3: Locate your desired class option (Ladybug or Firefly) and number of days per week (3 or 5 days) on the next page. Class options are explained in detail on our website ([www.friendlyhouseinc.org/preschool](http://www.friendlyhouseinc.org/preschool)) or briefly on the following page.

STEP 4: Match your family's tier (from step 1) with your class option and days (step 2) to find your monthly tuition.

These charts and instructions will also appear in our online registration process.



**Family Size and Annual Income**

(see below for an explanation of where these numbers come from)

TIER	Household Income	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6
1	Below 185% FPL	\$0-\$30,451	\$0-\$38,443	\$0-\$46,435	\$0-\$54,427	\$0-\$6,2419
2	Less than 80% AMI	\$30,452-\$52,096	\$38,444-\$58,608	\$46,436-\$65,120	\$54,428-\$70,330	\$62,420-\$75,539
3	80%-100% AMI	\$52,097-\$65,120	\$58,609-\$73,260	\$65,121-\$81,400	\$70,331-\$87,912	\$75,540-\$94,424
4	100%-120% AMI	\$65,121-\$78,144	\$73,261-\$87,912	\$81,401-\$97,680	\$87,913-\$105,494	\$94,425-\$113,309
5	120%-200% AMI	\$78,145-\$130,240	\$87,913-\$146,520	\$97,681-\$162,800	\$105,495-\$175,824	\$113,310-\$188,848
6	200% AMI or more	\$130,241 or more	\$146,521 or more	\$162,801 or more	\$175,825 or more	\$188,849 or more

AMI = Area Median Income (Portland Metro)  
FPL = Federal Poverty Level

**Class Options:**

Both of our preschool classes are for 3-5-year-olds. Our **Ladybug** class is open full-day, year-round class, open 7:30am to 5:30pm. Our **Firefly** class is open September to June only, from 7:30am-2:30pm.

We have 3 or 5 day enrollment options in each class. The 3-day enrollment option depends on what days are available. Contact us to inquire.

**Ladybug Tuition 2019-20**

**Firefly Tuition 2019-20**

TIER	3 day tuition	5 day tuition
1	\$770	\$995
2	\$796	\$1,047
3	\$822	\$1,099
4	\$848	\$1,151
5	\$874	\$1,203
6	\$900	\$1,255

TIER	3 day tuition	5 day tuition
1	\$610	\$695
2	\$641	\$757
3	\$672	\$819
4	\$703	\$881
5	\$734	\$943
6	\$765	\$1,005

Where do these numbers come from?

- Tier 1 is 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), determined annual by the Dept. of Health and Human Services. It's also the income threshold for Employment-Related Daycare (ERDC), a common form of childcare tuition assistance in Oregon
- Tier 2 includes a range of 185% FPL and 80% of Area Median Income for the Portland Metropolitan Area (AMI), determined annually by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.
- Tiers 2-6, adjust up, accordingly.

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