

# Rainier Valley Cooperative Preschool 2020-2021 Alternative Participation Model Pilot Scholarship Information

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**We believe in making our co-op accessible to as many families as possible.** Rainier Valley Cooperative Preschool (RVCP) offers two types of scholarships for our enrolled families. We offer an Alternative Participation Model Scholarship, which is continues as pilot program for 2020-2021, and we also offer Financial Scholarships for families with a financial need. **You may apply for one or both scholarships.**

## **Alternative Participation Model Pilot Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What Is the Alternative Participation Model Pilot Scholarship and How Does It Work?**

We are pleased to offer a pilot program test of an Alternative Participation Model (APM) Scholarship. This pilot is in its second year, and is designed to enable more families to participate in the co-op model, especially those families whose home life or work schedules would make it difficult or impossible to participate with all the aspects of co-op commitments. At RVCP, a typical family commitment involves both working in the classroom on a regular basis and holding a parent job to help run the school. The APM scholarship allows for a family to modify that commitment to double their classroom time and hold no parent job, or hold two parent jobs and have no classroom time. We hope this greater flexibility enables a wider range of families to attend and enjoy the benefits of co-op preschool. Participants in the APM retain all the usual remaining agreements of the RVCP co-op model, including fundraising, cleaning shifts, and monthly parent meetings (please see the general Enrollment Application for more details on the co-op model agreements). **New and existing families are encouraged to read through this application to see if the program might be a good fit for your family.**

### **How Are Alternative Participation Model Scholarships Awarded?**

Participation in the APM is decided by interest, lottery, applicant background as well as the availability of eligible Alternative Participation applicant families to work their chosen option. It is important to remember that an offer of admission does not guarantee an award of participation model accommodation. **Please note that this a pilot program. Implementation of this program is at the discretion of the scholarship committee and RVCP board, and is not guaranteed.**

### **What are the Deadlines for APM Scholarship Applications?**

Applications are due by June 1, 2020. The Scholarship Committee meets in mid-June, and you should receive notification of your APM pilot status by July 1, 2020.

### **Participation Ability Changes During the School Year**

Scholarship recipients should notify the Scholarship Committee if their participation ability or availability circumstances change mid-year and they require a different level (either more or less) of accommodation.

### **How Do I Complete An Application?**

Please fill out the APM Scholarship Application on pages 3-4 of this document, including detailing any additional information we might need to know that will help in assigning parent jobs or working grown up shifts. If you need assistance with completing this application, please contact us at 206-723-1555, or via email at [apmcoordinator@rainiervalleycooppreschool.org](mailto:apmcoordinator@rainiervalleycooppreschool.org).

### **Does Applying For Any Scholarship Affect Admission or Enrollment?**

No. Both of our Scholarship review processes are independent of the Enrollment, Lottery, and Admission process. Applying for any scholarship will not affect your enrollment, lottery results, or waitlist position.

### **Will My Application and Information Be Kept Confidential?**

The information on the application form is confidential and is reviewed only by the Scholarship Committee, comprised of the Co-Chairs, Treasurer, and Enrollment Coordinator. Each request is given careful consideration. After the scholarship application review is complete, any financial information submitted with it are destroyed and not retained by RVCP. The application itself is securely and confidentially retained for a period of time according to our document retention policy.

### **Where Can I Find Out More About a Financial Scholarship?**

You can find more information about our Financial Scholarships and download an information and application booklet on our website at <http://www.rainiervalleycooppreschool.org/#enrollment>.

**You may apply for one or both types of scholarships.**

### **Please mail completed your application to:**

Rainier Valley Cooperative Preschool  
Attn: RVCP Enrollment Coordinator  
6230 Beacon Ave. S.  
Seattle, WA 98108

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RVCP USE ONLY DATE RECEIVED: _____
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Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_ We are a \_\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RETURNING family.

CHILD'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) INFORMATION: (Please list first and last names of all parents or guardians)

NAME: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we notify you of Alternative Participation status in English? YES / NO

If not, which language? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is your family applying for the Alternative Participation Model?

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How will this help your family's participation in Co-op?

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**Please indicate below the alternative model for which you would like to apply.**

If you are interested in both participation models, please indicate your choices in a preferential order (1, 2, etc.).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Double Working Grown Up Shift:** This Alternative Participation Model option retains all the usual agreements of the RVCP Co-op model (i.e. fundraising, cleaning shifts, and parent meetings). However, it adds a Working Grown Up shift in lieu of a Parent Job. Therefore, you would be required to work two working grown up shifts per enrolled class. Please indicate which class would work better for your current schedule:

\_\_\_\_\_ SUNFLOWER. Tuesday & Friday mornings, 9:30am – 12:00pm

\_\_\_\_\_ CATERPILLAR. Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday mornings, 9:30am – 12:00pm

\_\_\_\_\_ SALMON. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday afternoons, 12:30pm – 3:30pm

\_\_\_\_\_ **Double Parent Job:** This Alternative Participation Model option retains all the usual agreements of the RVCP Co-op model (i.e. fundraising, cleaning shifts, and parent meetings). However, it adds a second Parent Job in lieu of working in the classroom.

Are there any limitations we should consider when assigning a parent job? (for example: no car, no laundry capabilities, physical disability, limited access to technology, etc.)

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Anything else we should know when considering **Double Parent Job** assignments?

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**I have read the information about the Pilot Alternative Participation Model and understand that enrollment in this model is decided by interest, lottery, applicant background as well as an eligible Alternative Participation applicant counterpart. If chosen I agree to participate in this program to my family's best ability from 2020-2021 school year and understand that withdrawing will have a significant impact on the other participants and the greater pre-school community. If a family withdraws from the APM program or RVCP, the Preschool and the remaining family will work together to find the best possible solution.**

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

