Dear Families,

Families seeking financial aid must file an application through the Independent School Management Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) Program in Wilmington, DE. We have chosen the FAST program because it is designed to be very responsive to our families.  It is more flexible in terms of the information it will accommodate, thus allowing families to represent their own particular circumstances more accurately. To ease the online application process, FAST provides 24/7 help desk support.

FAST provides **Discovery Montessori School** a need-based financial aid analysis service, which ensures that our process for establishing financial need adheres to nationally established standards of best practice.  All information from FAST is kept confidential, as is all information pertaining to a family's financial aid request.

Financial Aid grants are made for one year only and, therefore, you must reapply each year. To start the process you may go to our website and click on “Financial Assistance”, and then click on “FAST”.

The application process is self-guided.  You may navigate in and out of the program, allowing you to partially complete an application and go back to it at another time.  Online e-mail and a 24/7 helpline is provided.  The charge for the application is $41.00, to be paid by credit card at the end of the session.

After completing the online application, you will be required to mail your **2014** Tax returns for both State and Federal taxes with all schedules and W-2's to: FAST Processing

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                      1316 North Union Street

                      Wilmington DE 19806-2594

Including the School's name on the outside of the envelope will ensure faster processing of your application.

Financial Aid notification for returning students will be **April 1, 2015**. Our goal is to have an award determination made by the time re-enrollment contracts are issued. Because financial aid funds are limited and demand is high, late filing of materials may result in non-renewal of a financial aid grant.

If you need more information or assistance, please contact **Christina Germano** at **(912) 282-3647** or **dmsofwayx@gmail.com.**

We look forward to working with you on your child's education at **Discovery Montessori School.**

Sincerely,

The Financial Aid Committee