



School for Young Children
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Dear Parent/Caregiver(s):

We are now accepting applications for the School for Young Children's 2025-26 school year. ***Please read this packet carefully—there are changes from last year!!*** If you have questions after reading the enclosed materials, call us at 614-267-0254.

To enroll your child, please complete an [online application form](#). Checks or money orders for the non-refundable registration fee of \$65 *per family* (not per child), can be mailed to:

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The 32-week school year is September 8, 2025 through May 15, 2026. There will be a 3-week winter break in December and a 1-week spring break in March or April. Class offerings and 2025-26 tuition rates are included in this packet.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

1. [Applications](#) must be filled out completely including first, second and third choice of class. A \$65 **non-refundable** registration fee must accompany each family's application(s) or they will not be processed. Make checks payable to "FUUC-SYC." If we are not able to offer your child a space in the school sometime during the 2025-26 school year, that child's registration fee will be waived for the 2026-27 school year.
2. There will be ONE processing date for applications for the 2025-26 school year. The processing time for PRIORITY and NON-PRIORITY applicants will be **Friday, February 14, 2025 at 12:00 noon.**
 - Priority applicants are currently enrolled children, siblings of children who have attended SYC in the past, children of caregivers who attended SYC in the past and children whose caregivers are First UU Church MEMBERS. Non-Priority applicants are children of families who are new to SYC and whose caregivers are not members of First UU Church.
 - Having priority status does not necessarily mean that you will get your first-choice class. If you qualify for priority status but do not submit your application by February 14 at 12 noon, you will forfeit any advantage of being a priority applicant.

3. **ALL APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY and should be submitted no later than the processing time for best placement chances.** All applications received before the processing time will be treated as having arrived at the same time—it is not first-come, first-served. A lottery will be conducted and applicants placed into classes in an order determined by priority level and lottery number. *Preliminary class lists will be assembled from the applications we have received by Tuesday, February 18.*
4. Any applications received after the February 14 processing date and time will be processed first-come-first-served, after the initial placements ONLY if spaces remain; it is likely that many or all classes will be filled and have waiting lists after the processing dates have passed.
5. If you have circumstances that you believe warrant individual consideration for a special class placement for your PRIORITY level child, please include a letter to the SYC Committee outlining your reasons along with your application. Applications with requests for special consideration must be received by **February 7, 2025.**
6. Enrollment remains open until all classes are filled and wait lists are maintained all year. All classes will be offered assuming minimum enrollment numbers are reached.
7. A limited number of need-based scholarships are available. Scholarship applications can be found on [Jovial](#) and are due at the time of application.
8. We hope to continue Early Care and Lunch Bunch options for the 2025-26 school year for an additional fee. Contingent upon adequate interest, Early Care (EC) will be available to children aged 3-5 from 9:00-9:30am, M-F, and Lunch Bunch (LB) will be available to children aged 3-5 from 12-1pm, T-F only (we have staff meetings on Mondays). Registration for 2025-26 EC/LB will open on April 10.
9. Additionally, there may be an opportunity for students to sign up for more than one class for the 2025-26 school year depending upon availability. During the lottery process in February, children can sign up for one class and be on the waitlist for others. On April 10 after deposits are due, caregivers may register their children for a second class if there are spots available, on a first-come first-served basis.

Sincerely,

Amy Rudawsky and Susan Roscigno, Co-Directors

***IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A 3-DAY-PER-WEEK CLASS:** It is our policy that these children will be given higher priority for a 3-or 4-day-per-week class for next year than children currently attending a 2-day per week class. This policy applies only to applications submitted by 12:00 noon on February 14, and to families whose current *tuition balance is not delinquent.*

This policy *does not guarantee* that current 3-day-per-week children will be automatically assigned to their **first-choice** class or that they will be placed in a 3 or 4-day-per week class. Occasionally we have a higher number of highest priority kids than available spaces in those two classes (because of current 4-year-old children who decide to spend an extra year at SYC). Highest priority kids will, however, be placed on any waitlists before any lower priority children will be. For this reason, it is critically important if your child is currently in a 3 or 4-day-per-week class that you *carefully* choose your SECOND-CHOICE class on your application, because it is possible that you will not get your first-choice class. If you later change your mind about your second choice, it might already be full with a wait list and you would end up at the bottom of that wait list. *Please speak with the office staff about factors that might be important to consider when making your second-choice class selection.*

TUITION INFORMATION

Registration in the School for Young Children is made on a yearly basis. In order to keep tuition as low as possible and to meet our annual staff salaries and budget, SYC must be assured, at the time your deposit is paid, that the full year's tuition will be paid even if you withdraw your child(ren) at any time during the year. Individual withdrawal requests must be presented in writing for consideration to the SYC Committee for review within a reasonable time before withdrawal. Please read the Withdrawal Policy on the next page carefully.

A deposit (amounts listed below) is required to hold your place in school. This deposit amount is applied to the tuition. The deposit is due by Tuesday, April 8, 2025, or 21 days after acceptance if acceptance is after March 21, 2025. Upon acceptance to the school, you will receive a tuition contract to read and approve.

Families with more than one child attending in the same year receive a 5% discount on the lower tuition amount(s) for the second (and any additional) child(ren).

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Tuition assistance, based on financial need, is available for those who apply. Applications are available on [Jovial](#). **Scholarship applications must be turned in by 12 noon on Friday, February 14, 2025 for the best chance of receiving assistance.** If for some reason financial need changes (like a job loss or other unforeseen circumstance) after the scholarship application due date or sometime during the school year, parents/caregivers can apply for assistance as long as funds are still available. Applications will be reviewed and assistance awarded by the SYC Committee. Recipients will be notified by email. Recipients are also asked to give 10 hours of service to the school during the school year in return for this assistance.

Please make all SYC checks payable to: "FUUC-SYC"

Class	Total Yearly Tuition	Deposit Due 4/8/25	Balance	Monthly Payment (8 payments*)
Mon-Wed AM 2's	1,900.00	220.00	1,680.00	210.00
Tues-Thurs AM 2's	1,900.00	220.00	1,680.00	210.00
Friday AM 2's	950.00	110.00	840.00	105.00
Mon-Wed-Fri AM 3's	2,773.00	317.00	2,456.00	307.00
Tues-Thurs AM 3's	1,850.00	218.00	1,632.00	204.00
Tues-Wed-Thurs PM 3/4's	2,773.00	317.00	2,456.00	307.00
Mon-Wed-Fri AM 4's	2,773.00	317.00	2,456.00	307.00
Tues-Thurs AM 4's	1,850.00	218.00	1,632.00	204.00
Tue-Wed-Thurs-Fri PM 4's	3,450.00	386.00	3,064.00	383.00

*8 payments: 8/1/25, 9/1/25, 10/1/25, 11/1/25, 12/1/25, 1/1/26, 2/1/26 and 3/1/26

*Families are always welcome to make tuition payments in advance of August or any due date

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2025-2026 WITHDRAWAL/REFUND POLICY

I. REGISTRATION FEE

\$65.00 per family. Non-refundable. No exceptions.

II. CONTRACT

Once read and approved, your tuition contract remains in force until a replacement is found and/or the SYC Committee votes to release you from your contract. Class openings will be filled in the order in which *written withdrawal requests* are received.

III. DEPOSIT

Amount - **\$220.00** for 2-day-per-week classes (2's); **\$105.00** for 1-day-per-week class (Friday 2s); **\$218.00** for 2-day-per-week classes (3s & 4s); **\$317.00** for 3-day-per-week classes; **\$386.00** for 4-day-per-week class.

The deposit is applied toward yearly tuition. Prior to the beginning of school, portions of the deposit *may* be refundable, depending upon withdrawal circumstances. See Withdrawal Policy below. **After July 16, 2025 the deposit is NOT refundable.**

IV. WITHDRAWAL POLICY

All withdrawal requests must be submitted *in writing* to the SYC Committee.

For withdrawal requests received on or before May 5, 2025: If your child's place in class is filled, you will be released from your contract and will receive an 80% refund of your deposit.

For withdrawal requests received on or before July 16, 2025: 1) If your child's spot is filled by the first day of school, 50% of the deposit will be refunded and you will be released from the contract; 2) If your spot is NOT filled before the start of school, your contract will remain in force until the spot is filled. Your deposit will not be refunded.

For withdrawal requests received after July 16, 2025: Your tuition contract will remain in force until the spot is filled. The tuition deposit will not be refunded, and a \$40.00 withdrawal processing fee will be assessed before any tuition refunds are made.