

**June 2020 Annual Report
Tuition Assistance Committee
Newtown Monthly Meeting**

The amount available for tuition aid to Newtown Monthly Meeting Members who will be attending Friends schools in the 2019-20 academic year is **\$8719**. This is essentially the same as the average amount for the 10 years prior to this one, \$8767. (For 19-20 we had approximately \$800 more than this average because of a portion of an award that had been returned in 18-19.)

The application families make to Newtown Meeting is also considered by the Friends Council on Education for funds available through the National Friends Education Fund (NFEF) and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. PYM notifies families of the joint award from those funds.

We had 10 applicants this year, which is higher than the average of 7.6 over the ten years prior to this one, and one more than the number who were eligible for grants in 2019-20. Five applicants were from NFS, four were from George School, and one was from another Friends school. (Over the previous ten years, the average numbers for NFS and GS were 3.1 and 4.2 respectively.)

We have allocated the money as follows, following our traditional guideline that the grants for students at Newtown Friends, which is under the care of this meeting, should be roughly three times that of grants to students at other schools, except in years where an especially small number of applicants would mean the NFS grants exceeded 10% of NFS tuition.

Newtown Friends	Total
\$1300 per grant × 5	\$6500
George School	Total
\$440 per grant × 4	\$1760
Other Friends Schools	Total
\$440 per grant × 1	\$440
	\$8700

These amounts per student are lower than last year's amount (\$1700 for NFS and \$560 for other schools). This is primarily because our funding model means the award amount is very sensitive to the number of NFS students. The last year in which we made grants to as many as 5 students from NFS was 2012-13. (The amount granted in total to students at NFS in 19-20 was \$6800.)

The grant for NFS covers 5.4% of Newtown Friends grade 6-8 tuition. Excluding 2014-15, when there were no applicants from NFS, the average grant for NFS students over the ten years prior to 2020-21 was \$1647. The average grant at schools other than NFS for the ten years prior to 2020-21 was \$755. In only three of those years did we make as many awards as have been made for 2020-21

As is our practice, when this money is sent to the schools, our treasurer will ask the schools to confirm that this aid is being treated in the same way as the aid that comes from the Friends Education Fund and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Specifically we ask them to acknowledge that these grants "are intended to give Quaker families enhanced affordability at Friends schools. In practice, this means that schools that accept these tuition aid funds agree that the amounts shall be in addition to, and not in place of, other tuition aid credits for Quaker children."

We are grateful to all who have contributed to our meeting's education endowment fund for education over the years. Contributions can be sent to treasurer Rich Richardson.

On behalf of the Tuition Assistance Committee,
Laura Kinnel, Clerk