

## **APPLICATION DIRECTIONS**

We very much appreciate your interest in FCS. After completing the (4 page) Application form, please:

1. Return the Application with a \$100.00 non-refundable application fee to:  
Admissions  
Friends Community School  
5901 Westchester Park Drive  
College Park, MD 20740
2. Give the enclosed recommendation form to your child's current teacher and ask him/her to return it to us directly, as soon as possible. (Forms for two teachers are included for grades 7 and 8.) If your child has had no school experience, please ask another adult who knows your child well to complete the form and return it to us. (You may want to supply an addressed stamped envelope to facilitate delivery.)
3. Request that your child's present school send us a copy of his/her school transcript/record as soon as possible. (Not applicable to Kindergarten applicants.)
4. We will notify you when all of the requested information has been received. If you have questions, please call 301-441-2100. Thank you for your interest!

**Application deadline: January 27, 2012**

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Friends Community School is inclusive, and open to all regardless of race, color, national, or ethnic origin. We are particularly interested in accepting children of families who exhibit a sense of commitment to the child, the school, its projects, and the school community.

Complete application files are read by the Head, the Admissions Director, and grade level teachers. If the file indicates compatibility with the school, the prospective student spends time in the classroom and is evaluated on the basis of compatibility with the school's goals and expectations, as well as with age-appropriate skills. The evaluation becomes part of the admissions file.

Admissions decisions are made by the Head, in consultation with the Admissions Director and teachers, and are based on the results of the applications, teacher recommendations, student evaluations, and family interviews. Through the comprehensive admissions process, FCS strives to encourage significant racial, ethnic, religious, and economic diversity. Special consideration for admissions is given to applicants who are members of the Society of Friends, regular attendees of local Meetings, and those who are siblings of current or former FCS students.

The school reserves the right to deny admission to a child.

Admissions decisions and financial aid decisions are made independently.

FCS values diversity and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin, in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid program, and athletic and other school-administered programs.