## ADMISSION PROCEDURE/FINANCIAL AID

## **ADMISSION POLICY**

Admission is open to academically qualified students without regard to race, creed, gender or national origin. St. Mark's Episcopal School seeks students from all backgrounds who can contribute to and benefit from its PK3 through eighth grade enriched program. Students must meet the School's age, academic, and behavioral standards. To be eligible for PK3, a child must be three years old on or before September 1 of the enrollment year. All subsequent grades follow the September 1 age requirement.

## **ADMISSION GUIDELINES**

- APPLICATION Applications are accepted throughout the year when accompanied by a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee.
- PRE-QUALIFY Prior to testing, the following, if applicable, are required for preliminary qualification:
  - Current report card (entering grades 1 through 8)
  - Most recent standardized test scores (entering grades 1 through 8)
  - Teacher Referral Form available from the Admission Office
- TEST Testing, appropriate for the entry grade and year, begins in January. Testing fee-\$50.00
- ACCEPTANCE The Admission Office, in conjunction with the Directors and Head of School, review the applicant's packet and make a recommendation regarding acceptance.
- WAIT POOL All qualified applicants remain in a Wait Pool until an opening occurs for which they are qualified. Qualified applicants are considered in accordance with the best interest of the child and the School and offered admittance in the following order:
  - Siblings of currently enrolled students who register for the next year
  - Grandchildren of parents of current students and children of St. Mark's alumni
  - Former students who left in good standing
  - Children of active pledging parishioners of St. Mark's Episcopal Church
  - Children of active pledging parishioners of other Episcopal parishes
  - Children currently enrolled in other Episcopal schools
  - Children/grandchildren of St. Mark's School staff members
  - All others in application date order
- Applications will remain on file for two consecutive years unless otherwise requested by the parent.
- All inactive applications will remain in storage and are available for reactivation upon request by the parent.

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Applications may be completed online during the registration period. Financial aid grants are made on the basis of demonstrated need and are made within the limits of the School's financial aid budget. Need is determined and aid is awarded by the Financial Aid Committee, which includes the Rector, Head of School, Chair of the School Advisory Board, and the Business Manager. Aid is granted for one year only. A new application must be submitted for each year.



