



Enrollment & Lottery Process

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Enrollment for the 2024 / 2025 School Year

Parents will begin the process of enrolling their children by completing an online application form (open December 1 - January 31). A parent/guardian is encouraged to attend an informational session (Fall 2023) and visit Bookworm Gardens in order to ensure understanding of the program. Questions can be directed to Rachel Marsden, Preschool Director, at preschool@bookwormgardens.org Enrollment is NOT on a first-come, first-served basis. If the number of applicants exceeds available seats (14-16), a lottery will take place on February 1, 2024 in accordance with the lottery protocols below.

Lottery for the 2024 / 2025 School Year

The names of students who have application materials on file will be recorded in the order in which they are drawn. If there are no open seats, the applicants are placed on the waiting list. Preferences will be given to students who:

- Are a child or grandchild of a Bookworm Gardens staff member (Preference Group 1)
- Are a sibling of a student whose name has been drawn (Preference Group 2)
- Are a child or grandchild of a Bookworm Gardens board members or dedicated volunteer* (Preference Group 3)
- Are a sibling of a student who has attended a previous Nature School class in 22/23 or 23/24 (Preference Group 4)
- Are at the Bookworm Gardens Family Membership level or above (Preference Group 4)

*Bookworm defines a dedicated volunteer as: a person who consistently volunteers at Bookworm Gardens in one of the following areas of: Garden Maintenance, Special Events, Volunteer Educator or Tour Guide, Reading in the Gardens or Special Projects. To qualify, a volunteer needs to demonstrate a commitment to their volunteer role and must be actively involved with Bookworm within the past calendar year.

Families will be notified on February 1 if they have been: chosen through the lottery OR placed on the waitlist. If given a seat, accepted students must accept or decline by the date stated in the acceptance letter (February 15, 2023). A non-refundable deposit of \$250 will be due at that time. Declined seats are given to students on the waiting list in the order determined by the lottery. Contact us at preschool@bookwormgardens.org for more information about the program or questions.