



Lowcountry Montessori School

749 Broad River Drive, Beaufort, South Carolina 29906

STUDENT APPLICATION

The South Carolina Public Charter School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, or status in its immigrant programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle the nondiscrimination policies: For questions pertaining to Section 504 contact the Director of Federal Programs and School Safety at 3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 201, Columbia, SC 29204, 803/734-8322, questions pertaining to Title IX contact Laura McKeown, Assistant Director of LMS.

Due by Jan 31, 2016 in order to be enrolled in the lottery

****Please print and be sure to complete one (1) application per student. Submit Applications to:
LMS Admissions, 749 Broad River Drive, Beaufort, SC 29906, fax to 843-322-0925, or email to
studentapplications@lowcountrymontessori.com***

Grade Applying for 2016-2017(circle): PK3 PK4 K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th

Student Information:

Student Name

First

Middle

Last

Name Called _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Home Address

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Mailing Address (If different)

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Email Address (please print clearly) _____

****Confirmation that your application was received will be sent via Email***

School Currently Attending _____

Family and Contact Information:

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ **Parent/Guardian's Name** _____

Work Number _____ **Work Number** _____

Cell Number _____ **Cell Number** _____

Home Number _____ **Home Number** _____

Relationship _____ **Relationship** _____

Child lives with _____ **Relationship to Child** _____

I have a child currently enrolled at LMS. _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Name(s) _____

Student's Siblings (only if applying to LMS)

Name _____ **Grade Applying For** _____

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By submitting this application:

***I request that my child be considered for enrollment at LMS for the grade indicated above**

***I understand that if there are more applications than seats available, my child will be assigned a number and entered into a lottery to determine placement in the school or wait list**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

***To be considered for Open Enrollment and be included in any lottery, this application must be received on or before January 31, 2016 via US Mail, email, or in person at the office. Applications will be dated and time stamped according to receipt. Applications received after this date will be considered on a space available first come first serve basis only and be placed at the end of the wait list once established.**

What is Lowcountry Montessori School?

Lowcountry Montessori School is a free, nonprofit, public Montessori school that will be located in Northern Beaufort County. Since LMS is sponsored by the state of South Carolina, anyone in the state may attend the school. LMS will serve first through ninth graders the first year and then grow a grade each year until it houses first through twelfth grade.

In order to attend LMS, an application must be completed for each child and delivered to LMS. If there are more applicants than available spots, a lottery will determine which students will fill the available spots.

What is Montessori?

Montessori is an educational method that has been around for over 100 years. The Montessori approach was developed by Italian physician and educator Maria Montessori and characterized by an emphasis on independence, freedom within limits, and respect for a child's natural psychological, physical, and social development. Although a range of practices exists under the name "Montessori", the following elements are essential:

- Mixed age classrooms. Each class will have three levels. Lower elementary will include first through third years. Upper elementary will include fourth through sixth years. Middle school will include seventh through ninth years. High school will include tenth through twelfth years.**
- Student choice of activity from within a prescribed range of options**
- Uninterrupted blocks of work time, ideally three hours**
- A "discovery" model, where students learn concepts from working with materials, rather than by direct instruction**
- Specialized educational materials developed by Montessori and her collaborators**
- Freedom of movement within the classroom**
- A trained Montessori teacher**

"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment." -Maria Montessori

<http://www.lowcountrymontessori.com>