

The Charter Foundation

Supporting the Sebastopol Charter School

ANNUAL GIVING PLEDGE FORM

The Charter Foundation provides facilities and funding for the Public Waldorf education offered by Sebastopol Charter School. While SCS is tuition-free, it is undeniably pledge-dependent. The Charter Foundation asks that you commit to a monthly pledge donation *per student* of **\$230/month***, or at the highest amount possible for your family.

YES! We pledge our support to Sebastopol Charter School on behalf of:

Student(s) name: _____

Parent(s) name and address: _____

OUR PLEDGE ~ I want to support my student(s) school! Please accept our tax-deductible pledge of:

Every pledge, at every level, is a valuable contribution to our rainbow of giving!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500/month per student | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100/month per student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$230/month per student* | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50/month per student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200/month per student | <input type="checkbox"/> Other amount \$____/month per student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$150/month per student | <input type="checkbox"/> One-time pledge of \$_____ |

Choose a convenient and secure monthly payment method:

- PayPal Visit <http://www.thecharterfoundation.org/>, click "Donate" and select "Make this a monthly donation".
- Check enclosed for \$_____ Please make checks payable to: Charter Foundation PO Box 1260, Sebastopol, CA 95473
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or Auto-Bill Pay to be arranged through your bank
- Credit Card: Visa Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number: _____ CVC Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Billing Address (if different from mailing): _____

Authorizing Signature: _____ Date: _____

MATCHING CONTRIBUTION ~ This pledge will be matched by:

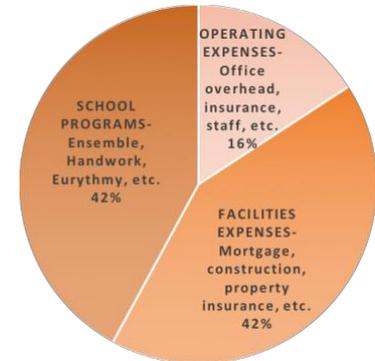
Employer, friend or family member name: _____

Annual Giving Pledge Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why are pledge dollars crucial?

A: Sebastopol Charter School provides local children access to an accredited Public Waldorf education without charging tuition. This costs more than what the state provides in funding.

SCS is free to attend, but this highly sought-after curriculum and campus are not free to operate! Participation of all enrolled families in the pledge program ensures a continuation of what makes SCS your school of choice.



Pledge Allocation



Q: How are pledge dollars used?

A: Your tax-deductible pledge dollars are divided between present and future campus expenses, ongoing fundraising expenses, and supplemental funding to the school for its arts-infused program expenses.

Q: How often should I pledge?

A: Pledging works best when set up as automatic monthly payments, but any frequency works (i.e. lump sum, semi-monthly, bi-annually). Communicating your choice of frequency is important, as we depend on accurate pledge program projections for our budget and financial accountability.



Q: How much should I pledge?

A: SCS is made up of families of diverse financial means, and this is as it should be. **Our requested amount is \$230/month per child**, as a target, but *many* families pledge more or less, according to ability. All amounts are welcome. We trust you to consider the importance of your child's education and give all you can, reflecting through your pledge dollars the value SCS provides your child(ren).

Q: Is my pledge information confidential?

A: Each family's pledge information, including the payment details and amounts, are held in strict confidentiality by the Charter Foundation (Jill and Essie) and the CF Board President.



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Q: What does my student receive if I pledge?

A: In addition to the benefits your child receives when the campus and educational expenses are covered, grants are awarded to classes with strong participation in the following ways:

- Each class with 100% of families participating in one year earns \$500
- Each Kindergarten class that pledges \$30,000 in one year earns \$750
- Each class, Grades 1-8, that pledges \$35,000 in one year earns \$1,000



Q: Does my pledge count toward all of my enrolled students?

A: When you have more than one student enrolled at Sebastopol Charter School, your donation is divided evenly and credited between the different student's classes.

Q: How do I pledge?

A: We try to make that easy by offering multiple convenient options!

- Use online bill pay or EFT through your bank
- Use the PayPal "Donate" button at www.TheCharterFoundation.org
- Complete a Pledge by Credit Card form found in the school office or over the phone by calling the CF office at (707) 824-8430
- Drop off a check or cash in our secure pledge box in the school office, or mail to: The Charter Foundation, PO Box 1260, Sebastopol, CA 95473



You are welcome to email Jill or Essie @thecharterfoundation.org to make whatever arrangements you prefer. We also welcome in-person payments and conversations in our office at the end of the hall of the school admin building, so come visit!



Q: How do I adjust my payment method or pledge amount?

A: While we hope families can uphold their original pledge commitments, The Charter Foundation is able to make adjustments whenever necessary. A quick email or phone call is all it takes. Keep us informed and pledge with confidence!

Q: How are pledges managed by the Foundation?

A: We hold all funds raised in insured bank accounts, closely monitored by Foundation board members and subject to annual audit by outside CPAs.

